

# Agenda



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Ordinary Meeting of the  
Malvern Community Board

To be held in the  
West Melton Community and  
Recreation Centre  
Meeting Rooms

Monday 26 May 2025

Commencing at 3.30pm

## Malvern Community Board - 26 May 2025

Members: Mrs S Nu'u, Mr C Payne, Mr P Freeman, Mr J Verry & Mr B Russell (Chairperson) and Councillor L Gliddon

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MALVERN COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025 AT 5 PM**

**PRESENT**

Messrs. B Russell (Chairperson), J Verry (Deputy Chairperson), P Freeman, and Ms S Nu'u; and Councillor L Gliddon

**ATTENDEES**

Mr Steve Gibling (Executive Director People, Culture and Capability); Ms T Davel (Senior Governance Advisor); and Mr B Adhikari (Governance Coordinator)

**WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested a moment of silence in remembrance of former Selwyn District Council Mayor Bill Woods and former Selwyn District Councillor Jens Christensen. The Board expressed its deepest condolences to their families and loved ones.

The Board welcomed Mr Bipul Adhikari who has joined the governance team as governance coordinator.

The meeting was livestreamed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**Harvey Polglase, Darfield Residents Association**

Mr Polglase brought the Board's attention to two matters, namely the poor condition of the New Zealand flag at the Darfield cenotaph and a request for the installation of a security camera (internally and externally) at the Darfield jail. He mentioned that he has already requested a quote and is willing to provide it to the Council if the proposal is agreed upon.

The Chair thanked Mr Polglase for his presentation and noted a recommendation regarding the installation of security cameras.

**Moved** – Ms Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

*That the Malvern Community Board request Council to consider installing security cameras at the Darfield Jail.'*

**CARRIED**

**Mr David and Mrs Ngaire Kent, Kirwee Residents Association**

Mr & Mrs Kent informed the Board that the association's first ANZAC Day service in Kirwee was a success, drawing approximately 300 attendees.



The Chairperson thanked the Kents for their time and for actively contributing to the community.

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Mr Payne.

*'That the Malvern Community Board receive the apology from Mr Payne.'*

**CARRIED**

### **IDENTIFICATION OF ANY URGENT OR GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held in the Darfield Library Meeting Rooms, on Monday 24 March 2025**

**Moved** – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Ms Nu'u

*'That the Malvern Community Board confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Malvern Community Board held on Monday 24 March 2025.'*

**CARRIED**

### **ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

Mr Gibling informed the Board that the Council is planning a finance workshop for Board members. The workshop has been scheduled for 12 May.

The Chairperson informed the Board that Mr Payne attended the ANZAC day services at Kirwee and Glentunnel as a Board representative.

*Councillor Gliddon joined the meeting 5:22pm.*

Ms Nu'u attended the service at Darfield as a community member and the Chairperson attended the service at West Melton.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **REPORTS**

### **1. Executive Director's Report**

Mr Gibling thanked Ms Nu'u and everyone involved in the hearing and deliberations of the Sheffield Pool. He informed the Board that the Council in its meeting on 16 April 2025 approved transfer of ownership and operation to the Kowai Pass Reserve Trust. He also thanked Mr Polglase and the Darfield Residents Association on the Darfield jail opening and closing operations project. He informed the Board that he will work with the Darfield Residents Association on what Council could do to install cameras as requested in the public forum. He noted to the Board that Reserves Operations Manager Kieran Wall and himself attended residents' associations meetings and provided updates on the reserve management plan. He advised that Mr Wall will attend the next Board meeting on 26 May to provide further updates. He informed the Board that Mrs Kidd, Community Services and Facilities Executive Director had provided an update, noting there would be an opportunity for the Board to engage with the programme of work by the end of the current term.

Mr Gibling noted that he would provide further updates at the next meeting, in respect to the West Melton Recreation Car park and courts upgrade.

Mr Verry attended the Springfield Bypass Working party meeting and said it went well.

Mr Gibling informed the Board that a budget workshop has been tentatively scheduled for 12 May which will provide more information on budget and its allocation on different sectors in Malvern. He noted that the Council's Digital Team is working on a series of digital dashboards. These dashboards will provide an overview of budget allocations and the status of various projects.

**Moved** – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Ms Nu'u

*'That the report from the Executive Director be received for information'.*

**CARRIED**

### **2. Financial Reporting**

Mr Gibling informed the Board that this was regular financial reporting for information. Mr Gibling noted that there were 8 copies left of the book, Malvern History, which were available from Council offices.

**Moved** – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives for information the Malvern Community Board (MCB) Finance Report for 1 – 31 March 2025.'*

**CARRIED**

**3. Monthly Report from the Chairperson**

Chair - Mr Bruce Russell

Mr Russell expressed his dissatisfaction with the process of establishing a Council-controlled organisation for the district's drinking water and wastewater services. He also informed the Board that the West Melton Residents' Group had expressed their dissatisfaction to him during their last meeting regarding the decision to move West Melton to the Springs Ward as part of the representation review.

**Moved** – Mr Russell / **Seconded** – Ms Nu'u

*'That the report from Mr Russell be received for information'.*

**CARRIED**

**4. Board Member Ms Sharn Nu'u**

Ms Nu'u informed the Board that she attended the combined residents' association meeting in April. Residents were pleased to receive updates from staff members in relation to reserve management. She said she attended the ANZAC day service at Darfield and there was a good number of attendees.

Ms Nu'u informed the Board that she has been allocated 6 May for hearings on her submission to ECan's Public Transport Plan.

Stating it as being undemocratic, she expressed her dissatisfaction on how 'Water Done Well' outcome went ahead.

**Moved** – Ms Nu'u / **Seconded** – Mr Russell

*'That the (verbal) report from Ms Nu'u be received for information'.*

**CARRIED**

**5. Board Member Mr Calvin Payne**

Mr Payne was not present at the meeting.

**6. Board Member Mr Phil Freeman**

Mr Freeman informed the Board that he attended the ANZAC Day service in Hororata. He expressed his dissatisfaction on the outcome of the 'Local Water Done Well' consultation process.

**Moved** – Mr Freeman / **Seconded** – Mr Verry

*'That the (verbal) report from Mr Freeman be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## **7. Board Member Mr John Verry**

Mr Verry expressed his dissatisfaction with the outcome of the representation review by moving West Melton out of the Malvern Ward to the Springs Ward.

**Moved** – Mr Verry / **Seconded** – Mr Russell

*'That the report from Mr Verry be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## **8. Councillor Gliddon**

Councillor Gliddon informed the Board that she attended the ANZAC services at Sheffield-Waddington, Kirwee and Springfield. She also advised that NZTA will be reviewing her request for speed limit changes on State Highway 73 as early as July. She intends to work with the Board and residents' associations to determine how best to approach the issue.

When asked how she plans to engage with community groups on this matter, Councillor Gliddon suggested it could be discussed at the interim Board meeting to scope out potential options before engaging with community members.

**Moved** – Councillor Gliddon / **Seconded** – Ms Nu'u

*'That the report from Councillor Gliddon be received for information.'*

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM MATTERS**

Noted.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The chairperson allowed Mr Samuel Wilshire to speak in public forum at the end of the meeting as Mr Wilshire had not been present at the start. Mr Wilshire addressed the Board from 5.55pm.

He stated that there was not a lot of advertising for the Stormwater, Drainage and Watercourse Bylaw consultation, which resulted in fewer submissions and a low turnout at the hearing. Referring to the West Melton Recreation car park and courts upgrade, he requested information on why the number of courts was reduced from eight to six and whether the tennis clubs had been informed of the change.

Councillor Gliddon informed the Board that budget constraints had led to the reduction in the number of courts.

## **CLOSURE**

The Board agreed to hold its upcoming meetings at the West Melton Community Centre. With no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting after thanking staff and Board members for attending and participating.

The meeting closed at 6:08 pm.

DATED this                      day of                      2025

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**CHAIRPERSON**

Malvern Community Board – April 2025 Meeting Actions

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Responsibility</i>	<i>Status / Update</i>
<i>Would the playground be part of the West Melton recreation centre car park and courts upgrade.</i>	<i>Mark Rykers</i>	<i>Council did provide for the existing playground upgrade in developing the programme for West Melton Domain. This will be considered as part of the development works for 2025/26 but the scope may be limited by the extra costs required for the tennis courts, car parks, paths and landscape work. Staff will bring back an update as to what can be provided.</i>
<i>Security camera installation at Darfield Jail</i>	<i>Paul Stevens</i>	<i>We have received the quote from the MCB. We are not aware of how this is to be funded.</i>
<i>Poor condition of the NZ flag at the Darfield cenotaph – can a new flag be purchased and installed</i>	<i>Infrastructure &amp; Property Team</i>	<i>Council staff are ordering a flag for replacement</i>
<i>Finance workshop with the Board</i>	<i>Mr Gibling and Finance team</i>	<i>Scheduled and completed on 12 May. Result of the discussion tabled today for decision.</i>
<i>Speed limit changes on State Highway 73 – engagement with community</i>	<i>Councillor Gliddon and the community board</i>	<i>The Board and Councillor Gliddon will engage with community groups on the matter.</i>
<i>Meeting venue change to West Melton for at least the next three months, May - July</i>	<i>Board secretary</i>	<i>Room bookings confirmed and revised invitations sent out. Will be duly advertised.</i>

## REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board  
**FOR:** Malvern Community Board Meeting on 26 May 2025  
**FROM:** Executive Director People, Culture & Capability  
**DATE:** 14 May 2025  
**SUBJECT:** **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*That the Malvern Community Board:*

- 1. receives the Executive Director's report'*
- 2. approves the budget approach for the 2025/26 financial year.*

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a key update on a couple of key projects planned for the Malvern Community.

### 1. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PROVIDERS OFFERED IN THE MALVERN AREA:

#### **Central Government Services in Darfield:**

From January to May 2025

1. Inland Revenue sessions: Once a month (on the third Wednesday), by appointment. They have seen 11 people this year.
2. Pegasus Health: Weekly mental health clinic, average of 6 people come through every week.
3. District Nurse: Used rooms once.
4. Community Health: Used rooms for appointments twice.
5. Melanoma NZ: One off spot check drops in, 42 people were seen.
6. Pink Breast Cancer Van: One off visit, about 8 people went through.
7. West Community Health: used room once

The Darfield library team also assisted with calls, emails, printing/photocopying, booking appointments or finding information to connect the community with the following agencies:

1. Inland Revenue (10)
2. ACC (4)
3. MSD (5)
4. Immigration (5)
5. Waka Kotahi (5)

6. Police NZ (3)
7. DOC-Fish and Game (3)
8. DHB (2)
9. Te Whatu Ora (1)
10. Ministry of Justice (2)
11. Tenancy Tribunal (1)
12. Immigration Australia (1)

- Seasonal brochures indicate central government services with an icon.

**NGO/Community Group Information:**

- No exhaustive list of NGOs/community groups in Malvern is produced by SDC
- The Family Services Directory is a helpful resource. [Family Services Directory](#)

**Selwyn Wellbeing Collective & Youth workers Forum:**

- Contact details of members may not be available as this is generally subject to permission.

## **2. DARK SKY ACCREDITATION UPDATE**

A Lincoln University Master's student in Tourism Management has finished and established a solid baseline of research, including:

- Researching the benefits of Dark Sky Accreditation.
- Mapping visitor assets and stakeholders.
- Reviewing community submissions from the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.
- Assessing District Plan requirements and relevant activities across the Council.

Staff have met with a Glenorchy Dark Skies Sanctuary representative to learn from their accreditation journey. Additionally, staff engaged with the KiwiRail Great Journeys team to initiate a joint Tourism Plan (as outlined in the MOU with Council), with actions including support for the Dark Sky Accreditation project and collaboration in promoting dark sky experiences.

Next steps include onboarding a Dark Skies technical expert to review the gathered information, engage key stakeholders, and develop a comprehensive roadmap. This roadmap will outline costs, timelines, and the necessary steps for the accreditation application. The expert will also update the Subcommittee on findings to date and provide a high-level overview of the next steps in an upcoming meeting.

## **3. UPCOMING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS**

An overview of consultation activity is included at **Appendix 1**.



#### **4. BUDGET DEBRIEF FROM WORKSHOP 12 May 2025 -Steve Gibling**

##### ***Starting point / current state***

March YTD operating deficit is \$14,995, which is \$7,797 better than budgeted at this point in the year. YTD Revenue of \$126,848 is \$1,573 less than budget due to 95 fewer properties being invoiced the targeted rate for the year. It is estimated that the full year FY25 reduction in revenue will be approximately \$2,375. YTD Expenses are under budget by \$9,762 and savings are forecast to remain for financial year end.

The estimated forecast savings to budget based on current expenditure is \$11,427 resulting in a forecast year-end reserve of \$39,774

- March YTD reserves \$42,483
- March YTD Actuals \$14,995
- April-June forecast deficit \$ 2,166 (revenue \$28,233, expense \$30,399)
- Total FY25 forecast deficit \$17,684
- Forecast Reserves Closing balance FY25 \$39,774

##### ***What has changed since our initial budget discussion for the 2025/26 year?***

###### ***Impact of the representation review***

There has been a change in the number of households in the Malvern Ward. The number of properties has decreased by 2,679 from 8,137 properties to 5,458.

###### ***Dollar impact of change on revenue***

The reduction of 2,679 rateable households has resulted in a decrease in revenue from \$183,967 to \$123,398 a total decrease of \$60,569k.

##### ***Assumptions for the 2025/26 year***

- We will keep the rates the same as signalled in LTP
- Operating budget stays the same or sees a minor increase (pending discussion re delegations)
- This is a holding / transition budget for 2025/26, and we will consult on a new operating budget for the 2026/27 (LTP yr 3), including:
  - a targeted Support Charge structure for the 2026/27 budget (LTP Yr 3) informed as much as possible by actual time and resource allocation for the MCB.
  - potential change to targeted rates, based on reserves use and operating budget.

##### ***Proposed Budget***

Due to the current budget position, the impact of the Representation review and the assumptions noted above the planned approach for the upcoming Community Board budget is to make the following changes:

- support charge at \$30,000
- no use of reserve
- minor uplift in Board Opex

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SG', located above the printed name and title.

Steve Gibling

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PEOPLE, CULTURE AND CAPABILITY**

## Consultation Activity – Overview and Timeframes

Consultation	Consultation Endorsed by Council	SCP / Full Consultation	Full Council or Hearings Panel	Starts	Ends	Hearings	Deliberations	Council Decision
<b>Speed Limit Changes</b> <i>(6-week consultation required under the new rule)</i>	18 June	Consultation	TBC	23 June	4 Aug	11-12 Aug	18-19 Aug	17 Sept
<b>District Park</b>	18 June	Consultation	FC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
<b>Partially Operative District plan</b> <i>Consultation needs to happen this year with decision making to occur Q2 2026</i>	23 July	Special RMA Process	TBC	4 Aug	4 Sept	TBC	TBC	Q2 2026

### Speed Limit Changes

The new setting of speed limit rule (**Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024**) came into effect from 30 October 2024, and aims to make roads safer for everyone. These rules allow local authorities to set speed limits based on safety, economic factors, and community input. Council is planning to consult on some speed limit changes to parts of our roading network that are needed to support new infrastructure developments as residential areas expand into rural zones, and industrial developments grow. The process for changing speed limits includes, proposing new speed limits, consulting with the public, and implementing changes, ensuring that the community's voice is heard in making roads safer.

*For the Malvern community:* There will be some proposed speed limit reductions on three roads in the Malvern ward that the community can give feedback on. These include a specific part of Kimberley Road, Halkett Road and Weedons Ross Road. The consultation will be promoted in local newspapers, school newsletters and online via social media and paid ads.

### **District Park**

An engagement plan for the District Park is being worked on alongside RSL. More details of this will be available in the coming weeks. The engagement plan is scheduled to be presented to Council in June. Although the park is located in Rolleston, engagement activity will be across the district to recognise this is a district asset. Once specific engagement activity centred near Malvern is known we will share this.

**Partially Operative District Plan variation 3 public consultation:** In July we will present the Council with a public consultation plan for variation 3 of the Partially Operative District Plan, with public consultation expected to take place in August 2025. As is usual once a Council has released decisions on their Proposed District Plan (now the Partially Operative District Plan (PODP)), there are minor amendments that need to be made. This will require a Schedule 1 RMA public participation process as we are proposing some minor administrative changes to the Partially Operative District Plan, to make it easier to use.

*For the Malvern community:* This is a chance to have your say on the minor changes we are proposing to make in the PODP. While the changes we are proposing are minor and mainly administrative, the district plan is a 10-year 'rule book' that sets out what activities we are allowed to do on land (permitted activities) and what activities we or our neighbours need a resource consent for. It impacts almost everything we do in our district, and how we do it.

### **Also of Note:**

#### **Elections**

The team are busy working on activity to encourage the community to enrol to vote, and for candidates to stand for the upcoming local election. Specific activity occurring in the Malvern community is as follows:

- From 07/04: Activation station at Darfield Library and Service Centre.
- From 01/05: Digital adverts across social channels, Google, YouTube and TVNZ+.
- From 01/05: Council owned billboard on Telegraph Road, near Darfield.
- 7/05: Story in Council Call
- 16/05: Malvern News
- 10/06: Candidate information session at Darfield Library and Service Centre.
- 13/06: Malvern News
- From 01/06: Posters in local Malvern cafes.

## REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board  
**FOR:** Malvern Community Board Meeting on 26 May 2025  
**FROM:** Reserves Operations Manager  
**DATE:** 16 May 2025  
**SUBJECT:** **PARKS AND OPEN SPACES WORK PROGRAMME**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives the Parks and Open Spaces Work Programme report for information.'*

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a key update on a couple of key projects planned for the Malvern Community.

### 1. UPDATE ON KIRWEE PLAYGROUND

SDC staff and Contractors have met with the community to get a better understanding on the issues at the playground. We are currently in contact with the manufacturer & installer to understand how safety concerns can be managed / mitigated a manufacturer site visit has been planned for the 9/6/25.

Additionally, there is funding in 2026/2027 for additional upgrades to the playground, the community will be engaged with as part of the upgrade plan and project.

### 2. PARKS AND OPEN SPACES WORK PROGRAMME

The Reserves Operations team is continuing to strive to build connections and relationships with the community to ensure positive community focused outcomes.

Scheduled, or planned reserves operational maintenance is not delivered to a fixed calendar. The current contract with Corde contains Level of Service which are defined by an 'Outcome Specification' and based on need. There is no fixed structure where a team arrives on a set day to undertake this task. The exceptions to this are toilets which are serviced and cleaned to a fixed calendar and playground inspections, which follow a statutory framework.

Turf and sports field maintenance is biased on growth levels and weather conditions with some ability for community responsiveness (Snap, Send solve, Service requests etc).

Reactive, or response work is responded to on-demand and when required.

The arboriculture program is reactive at this stage, meaning it is driven by service requests and other internal and external leads. Extensive work has been done to gather accurate data on the tree inventory in the area with the ambition to be accurately map them all. Leading to a greater ability to understand the trees in the district enabling improved proactive management. Extensive work has been carried out in the last 18 months across the area, more information can be provided if required.

Programmed work in the MCB area:

- Reserve Signage - identification of and replacement of poor condition signage throughout the area.
- Tawera Reserve, new park furniture (awaiting confirmation of where the community want it to be placed) ongoing discussions around installing a new sign and possible replacement of fencing with bollards
- Lighting safety improvements at Sheffield Domain
- Darfield Jail - reserve upgrades to ensure suitability ahead of reopening
- Greendale Cemetery will be having its Ash Garden replacement
- Pest Plant Management Plan through McHugh's Forest and Glentunnel block behind playground
- Renovation of gardens at Mullholland Memorial Reserve, Darfield.
- Planting:
  - Glentunnel, Darfield, Springfield, and Kirwee Schools
  - Coalgate Domain
  - Arthurs Pass garden renovation (Spring)
  - Tree planting at Hororata Domain
  - 200x Redwood trees at McHugh's Forest
  - Small scale planting at Sheffield Domain entrance
  - Swale replanting's in carpark 2 at West Melton Domain

Staff will speak to the above work programme.

*KWALL*

Kieran Wall  
**RESERVES OPERATIONS MANAGER**

***Endorsed for the Agenda***



Steve Gibling  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PEOPLE CULTURE AND CAPABILITY**

## REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FOR:** Malvern Community Board Meeting on 26 May 2025

**FROM:** Head of Sport and Recreation

**DATE:** 19 May 2025

**SUBJECT:** **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAY SYSTEM PROJECT IN DARFIELD**

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## RECOMMENDATION

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives the Neighbourhood Play System Project in Darfield for information.'*

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Malvern Community Board on the work underway to support the Neighbourhood Play System Project in Darfield.

## DISCUSSION

### Neighbourhood Play System

The Neighbourhood Play System (NPS) is a Sport NZ supported initiative that reimagines how communities design and support play. It places tamariki (children) at the centre of planning, recognising their unique insights into where and how they play, and what barriers they face.

The NPS brings together schools, local organisations, and community groups to co-design play environments that reflect the needs and aspirations of local children and whānau. It goes beyond traditional playgrounds, exploring entire neighbourhoods—including streets, footpaths, parks, alleyways, and public spaces—as potential play zones.

Key features include:

- Mapping and assessment of play spaces and infrastructure
- Engagement with tamariki and whānau to understand play behaviours and needs
- Collaborative planning to embed play opportunities into urban design
- Focus on accessibility, safety, and sustainability

The system provides a blueprint for creating child-friendly, inclusive, and active communities, aligning with broader goals of wellbeing, resilience, and lifelong physical activity

### Neighbourhood Play System Project in Darfield

The NPS in Darfield, believed to be the first rural NPS in nationally has had the following timeline with the project nearing completion.

Date	Action Completed
December 2024	Initial contact with Darfield School
February 2025	Meeting with Darfield Principal and Deputy Principal to outline process
March 2025	School engagement interviews with key staff and senior student leaders
March/April 2025	Interviews with Community Stakeholders, PTA and Youth engager, Selwyn Sports Trust and SKIDS
April 2025	Received Desktop Analysis, Framing report, Actions Outlined
Date	Planned Action
May 2025	Draft Available for feedback
June 2025	Report completed

This work is being led by Adele Orangi, Selwyn District Council's Play Advocate. This role, fully funded through Sport NZ's Local Play Workforce Project, works to champion and enhance play opportunities across the district. A large part of Adele's role is to ensure that play is recognised as a vital part of community wellbeing and child development.

Neighbourhood Play System Project Darfield Presentation attached at **Appendix 1**.

Staff will speak to the above Neighbourhood Play System Report



James Richmond  
**HEAD OF SPORT AND RECREATION**

***Endorsed for the Agenda***



Steve Gibling  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PEOPLE CULTURE AND CAPABILITY**



## REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board  
**FOR:** Malvern Community Board Meeting on 26 May 2025  
**FROM:** Strategy Team Leader  
**DATE:** 16 May 2025  
**SUBJECT:** **AREA PLAN UPDATE**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That the Malvern Community Board receives the Area Plan update for information.'*

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Malvern Community Board on the work underway to support the Area Plan development.

#### Area Plan Update

My Future Town this was Council's most extensive public engagement to date, and the results from the engagement speak to its success. Notably, 900+people that the team spoke to at the drop in's, 4800 visits to the website, 2650 crowdmap comments, 8 world cafes and 6 rural edge connector van drop ins. Whilst this is just a handful of examples, they help to present the picture as to the extensive nature of our engagement and the successful outreach to both our urban and rural communities.

Some key themes from each of the 6 strategic priorities are as follows -

- For the Blue Green, we can see common themes of parks, playgrounds (including accessible, fully fenced playgrounds for our more vulnerable users), as well as trees and green spaces (including green corridors/green belts and buffer between the rural and urban areas).
- Housing saw themes of both low- and high-density options and it was appropriate to the town, diverse housing (elderly housing options as well as for young people), as well as affordable housing (including around Lincoln for students)
- Economy had themes of large format retail offerings (such as Kmart and Mitre 10), entertainment facilities (Bowling/Cinema/Timezone for young people to connect and enjoy together) shops, and supermarkets.
- In the Infrastructure topic, common theme of Council doing the basics well (wastewater, water, rubbish), and dealing with flooding concerns (both rural and urban areas with climate change).

- In the People and Communities space, every community wants a pool, schooling opportunities and healthcare.
- Transport had the most feedback with strong themes of public transport and cycleways connecting towns internally and to each other, better public transport offerings into Christchurch City to reduce private vehicle reliance, safety, and effectively and prioritising maintenance and upgrade of key transport routes.

The Area Plan Early Engagement Summary is attached at **Appendix 1**.

An Areal Plan update presentation that was presented at the Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee on 14 May 2025 is provided at **Appendix 2**.

Staff will speak to the above Area Plan update.



Ben Baird  
**STRATEGY TEAM LEADER**

***Endorsed for the Agenda***



Steve Gibling  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PEOPLE CULTURE AND CAPABILITY**

# Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn

## Area Plan Early Engagement Summary

# MY FUTURE TOWN



## Executive Summary

As part of the *Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn* Area Plan work, the 'My Future Town' early engagement sought community input to help shape the long-term future of towns and rural areas across the Selwyn District. This engagement was designed to better understand what residents, local organisations, and stakeholders value about their communities, and what changes or improvements they would like to see over the next 30 to 50 years. The feedback gathered will support strategic planning decisions around our six strategic priorities: housing, infrastructure, transport, blue green, people and communities, and economy.

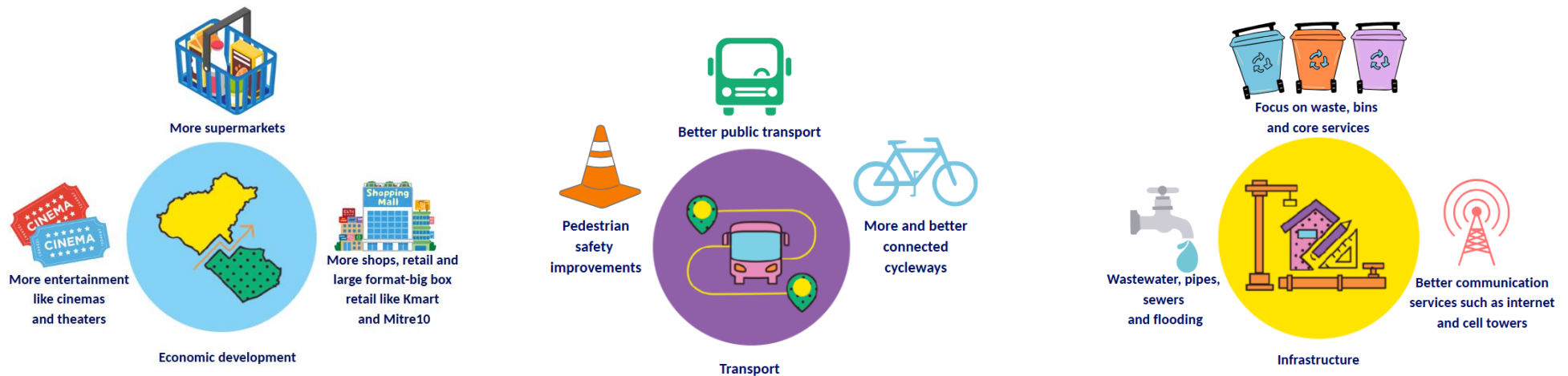
To gather this input, Council hosted a range of engagement activities across the district, including World Café workshops, school workbooks, local drop-in sessions, attendance at community events, and an online tool. The in-person opportunities enabled meaningful conversations with residents in a relaxed, informal setting, where people shared what they value about their town, the challenges they face, and their hopes for the future. This was also supported by an interactive mapping tool to broaden accessibility and capture a wide range of voices. The insights gathered reflect diverse community priorities and aspirations and will play a key role in informing future growth scenarios and spatial planning for the district. This has been the broadest and most extensive engagement Council has undertaken to date. This is the first phase of engagement for the Area Plans, with option engagement and formal consultation to come.

### Engagement Highlights:

- 150+ participated in our workshops
- 900+ spoken to at our workshops, drop ins, schools and events
- 337,781+ social media impressions
- 4,800+ visits to the website
- 4,000+ interacted with the online and physical maps
- 80+ hours spent talking with our community
- 2,650 crowdmap comments
- 8 workshops (world café)
- 3 workshops in schools
- 400+ My Future Town child workbooks completed
- 13 drop-ins at libraries and facilities
- 6 rural edge connector van drop-ins
- 6 event stalls
- 2,625 light touch votes (dotmocracy)



## The highlights of what we heard from each strategic priority



# 1. Engagement Material and Activities

## 1.1. Promotional Video

As part of the My Future Town engagement campaign, a promotional video was developed to raise awareness and encourage community participation.

The video highlighted the purpose of the campaign – to give residents an opportunity to help shape the future of their towns – and showcased local people, places, and ideas that reflect the unique identity and aspirations of the Selwyn District.

The video was shared across a range of digital platforms including the Council's website, social media channels, and through email newsletters. It played a key role in reaching a broad audience, particularly younger demographics and those who may not typically engage through traditional consultation methods. With a clear and engaging narrative, the video helped generate early interest in the campaign, prompted discussions in local communities, and contributed to a strong level of participation overall.

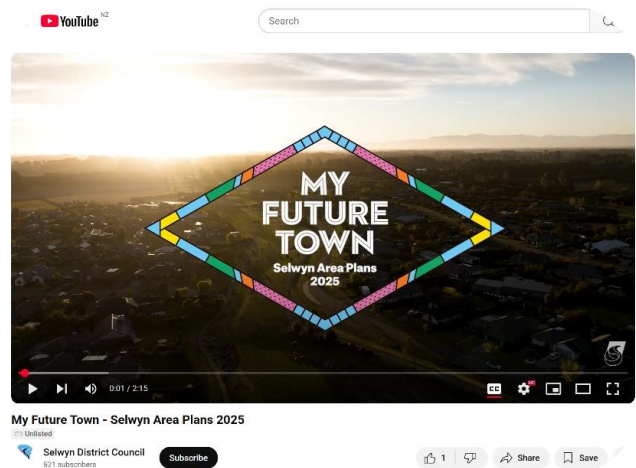


Figure 1: Campaign video on YouTube

The Area Plan digital campaign launched to market in January running for 2 weeks across the Selwyn regions of Malvern, Ellesmere and Eastern. The campaign was optimised to deliver reach through video impressions, as well as website traffic. During the campaign, video creative ran across Meta, YouTube, Programmatic and TVNZ+ platforms.

Analytics indicate high levels of engagement with the video content recording 371,781 impressions across the campaign from an investment of \$4,400. There were 122,419 completed video plays and 1,861 clicks to website with an average CTR of 0.50%.

The video campaign effectively engaged with hard-to-reach demographics, with the campaign successfully engaging with 35-44-year-old females. The success of the campaign highlights the importance of tailored creative that resonates with hard-to-reach target demographics. 67% of TVNZ views occurred on connected TVs, reflecting the shift in viewing habits of watching broadcast video on demand, opposed to linear (or live TV) and

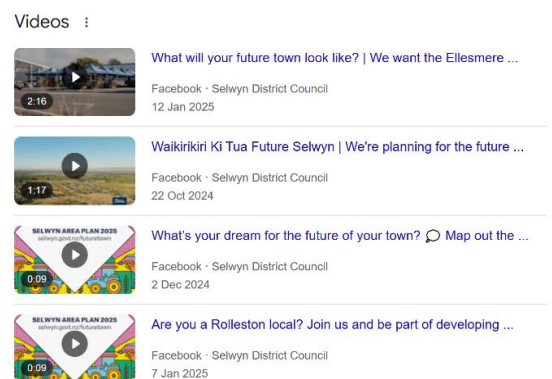


Figure 2: Campaign videos

reinforcing the value of prioritising connected TV placement in the next phase of the Area Plan engagement.

## 1.2. Social Media

Facebook was a key channel used to promote the *My Future Town* campaign and drive community engagement. A series of tailored posts were shared through the Selwyn District Council's official Facebook page, featuring clear messaging, eye-catching graphics, and direct links to the engagement platform. Content included reminders about key dates, explanations of how people could get involved, and spotlights on different townships to encourage localised participation.

The posts were strategically timed to maximise visibility and reach and included both organic content and boosted posts to target specific geographic and demographic groups. Facebook proved to be an effective tool for raising awareness, particularly among families, young adults, and residents who prefer to engage online.

Engagement with the Facebook content was strong, with Meta delivering the most website clicks and the 30 second video recording the highest CTR of 1.40%. Unsurprisingly, the 15 second video had a higher completion rate recording more completed video views than the 30 second version. Meta results skewed towards females with an average CTR of 1.51% compared with 1.22% from males. Engagement was highest amongst the 55+ demographic, with the 35-44 age-group also showing a lift compared with other age brackets.

### Social Media - Organic

LinkedIn		
2,578	87	2
Impressions	Engagements	Number of posts
Meta - Facebook		
6,893	47	5
Impressions	Engagements	Number of posts

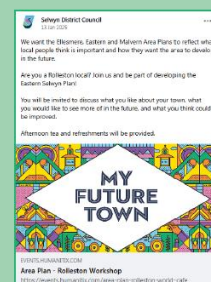


Figure 3 Social media figures

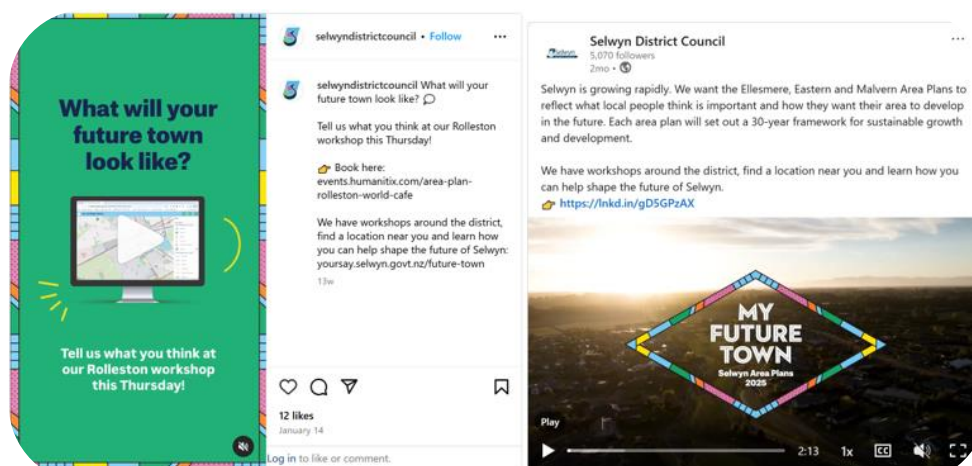


Figure 4: Social Media Posts



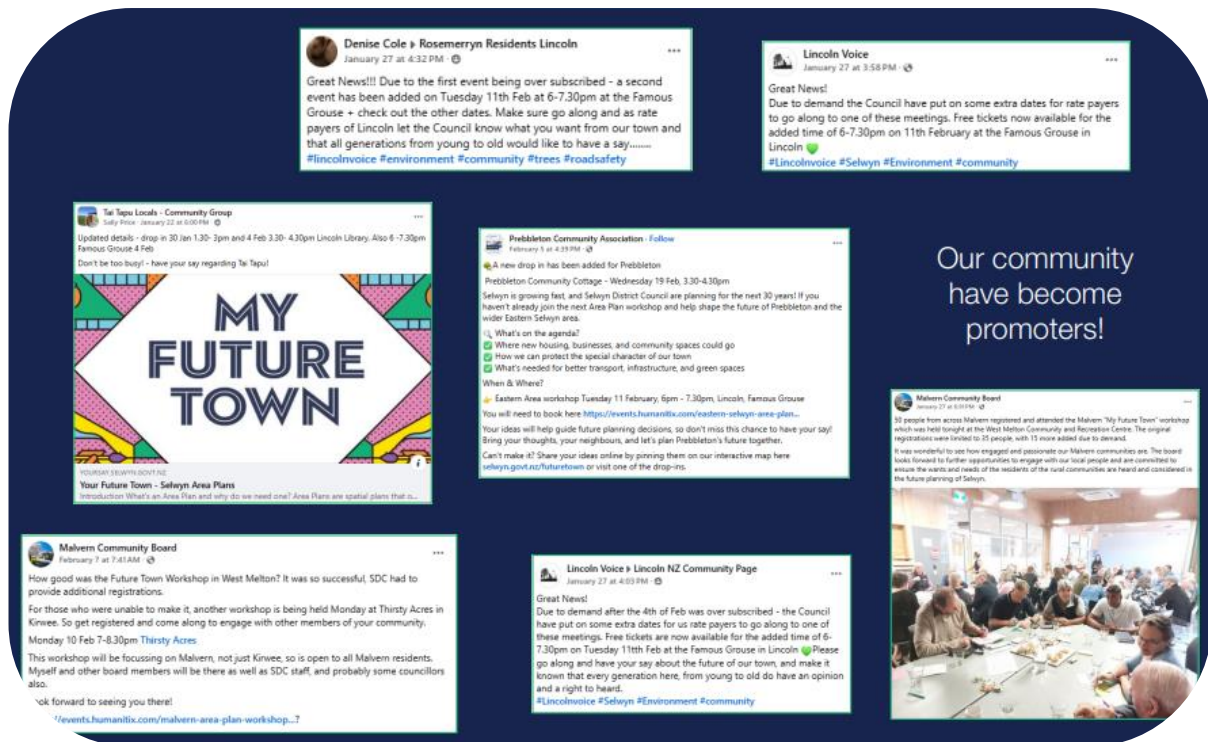


Figure 5: Community responses to engagement

Posting on our owned channels (Selwyn District Council page) gave us the opportunity to engage in real-time communication with the community. Public comments also provided early insights into community sentiment and helped to spark conversations around the future of Selwyn's towns.



Figure 3: Selwyn Times (27 Nov) article on the engagement

Offline, the campaign gained traction too. A feature article in the *Selwyn Times* spotlighted school children's involvement with the workbook. We also received fantastic feedback from teachers who had used the accompanying teacher's guide in the classroom.

Designing this guide was critical to the success of the workbook, as it showed how the activities linked to the curriculum, making it easy for teachers to integrate into their lessons. Another key factor was motivating tamariki to participate, with prizes offered for winning designs. These included lunch with the Mayor, to learn about his role and what town planners do, a book package for the winning school, and a \$150 goody bag.



The workbook proved successful not only in terms of reach but also in the quality of feedback we received. Rather than just sharing a wish list of things they wanted, our tamariki expressed thoughtful views on issues like the natural environment, climate, safe transport, landfills and recycling, and where people should live.

Together, strong digital engagement, meaningful community dialogue, and local media coverage showed that My Future Town truly resonated with Selwyn's communities.

### 1.3. Print and Direct Communications



Figure 8: Council Call advert

To support our digital campaign, a multi-channel approach using both print and e-communications was delivered to ensure engagement reached a broad and diverse audience. Rural newspapers such as the *Ellesmere Echo* and *Malvern News* played an important role in reaching our rural communities and encouraging participation across all townships, while eDMs were key in connecting with our most engaged audiences - those who have signed up to our database to have their say on consultations.

Prominent advertisements were published in the local newspaper, providing visibility in a trusted and widely read source of community news. These placements were designed to highlight the purpose of the campaign, explain how residents could participate, and promote key milestones. Similarly, Council Call, Selwyn District Council's regular local government update, ran feature content on My Future Town which alongside the rates flyers, was delivered to 18,000 residents across the district, offering context to a civic-minded audience.

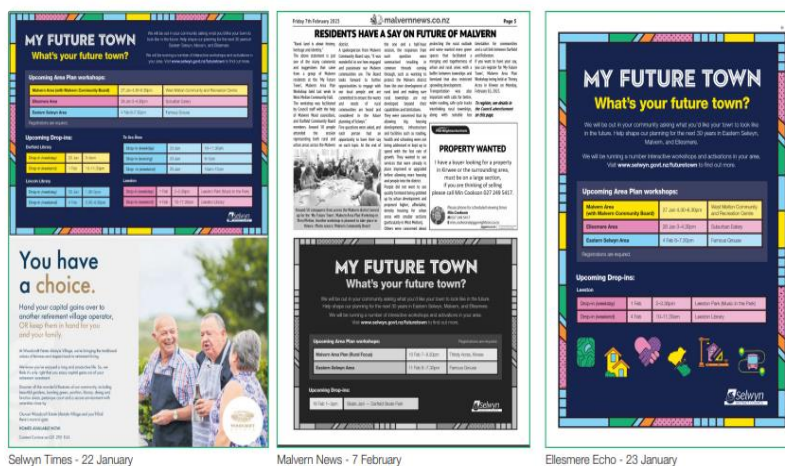


Figure 7: Newspaper advertising

The  
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brochure provided further opportunities to engage with residents through print channels. 7,000 of the *What's On* brochures were circulated across the district, ensuring a wide distribution and increasing the chances of reaching residents who may not regularly engage with Council content online. These materials included clear calls to action and URL's linking to the online engagement platform, making it easy for people to transition from printed materials to digital participation.

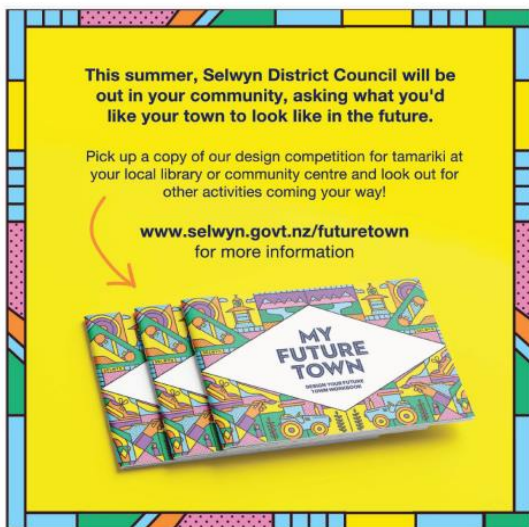


Figure 9: What's On brochure



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Figure 10: Rates flyer

A series of electronic direct mail (EDM) campaigns were sent out to subscribers throughout the engagement period. These were delivered to 3,500 community members with an open rate of 34%. These emails were carefully timed to align with key campaign phases and contained targeted messaging tailored to different townships. Visual examples of these EDMs highlight the consistent branding and strong campaign identity that helped maintain momentum and recognition across all channels.

Together, these print and electronic media channels created a well-rounded communications mix that strengthened campaign visibility and ensured accessibility for a wide range of community members. By complementing social media and online engagement with tangible and targeted print and email outreach, the campaign was able to meet people where they were, both online and offline, and maximise overall participation.

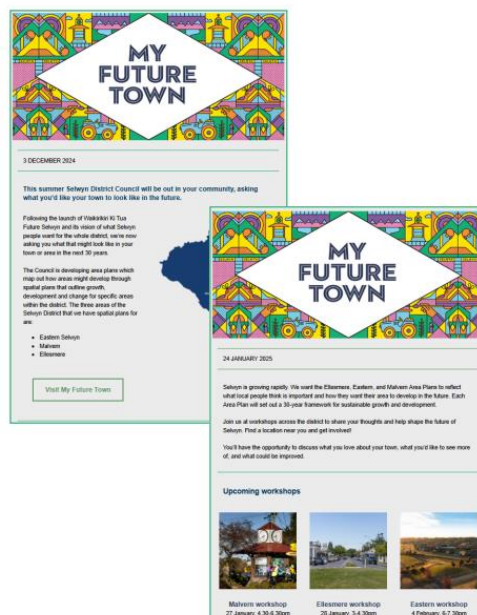


Figure 11: EDM

## 1.4. School Engagement – My future town school workbook

Primary schools were invited to participate in the My Future Town Workbook activity, with Clearview, Prebbleton and Leeston accepting the invitation. A teacher guide was provided with lesson structure and Strategy and Engagement staff attended each school to facilitate an interactive session. Students were guided through what town planning and area plans are and what future towns could be. Students then undertook a small group activity with large aerial maps to draw what they wanted to see in their future towns. Students then individually drew their future town in their workbooks, and these were judged by the Strategy Planners.

### Clearview School:

Students want better accessibility and transport options like improved public transport and bike lanes. They seek more housing types, entertainment and things to do like more retail and fast-food options. They appreciate community and sports facilities. Key concerns include a lack of bus stops, housing variation and entertainment. Priorities for improvement include safer travel to school better speed limits, and traffic lights at busy intersections.

### Prebbleton School:

Students want better amenities and infrastructure, including more shops, medical facilities, fast food options, green spaces, and leisure activities. They seek improved sports fields, fast internet, and emergency services. They appreciate safe roads, roundabouts, and the ability to bike to friends' houses. Key concerns include pollution, rubbish, smoking, and the lack of a swimming pool. Priorities for improvement include better infrastructure, bus services, and footpaths, along with more schooling options, underground power lines, and increased housing availability.

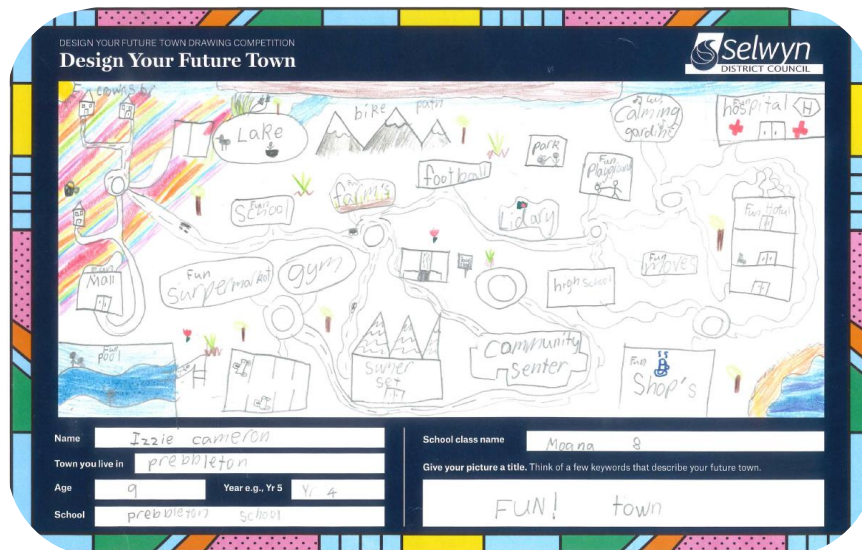
### Leeston School:

Students want better access to food options, along with improved transport choices such as buses and bike paths. They seek a greater variety of shops, more entertainment options like arcades and a movie theatre, and expanded community facilities including an indoor pool, sports centre, and botanic gardens. Essential services like schools, a vet, and emergency stations are also priorities. Key concerns include the lack of food shopping availability, limited shops, no traffic lights, and cars not stopping for pedestrians. Priorities for improvement include better sports field facilities, fixing the skate park and bike track, repairing potholes and roads, and a pool.

### Winner:



Runners up:



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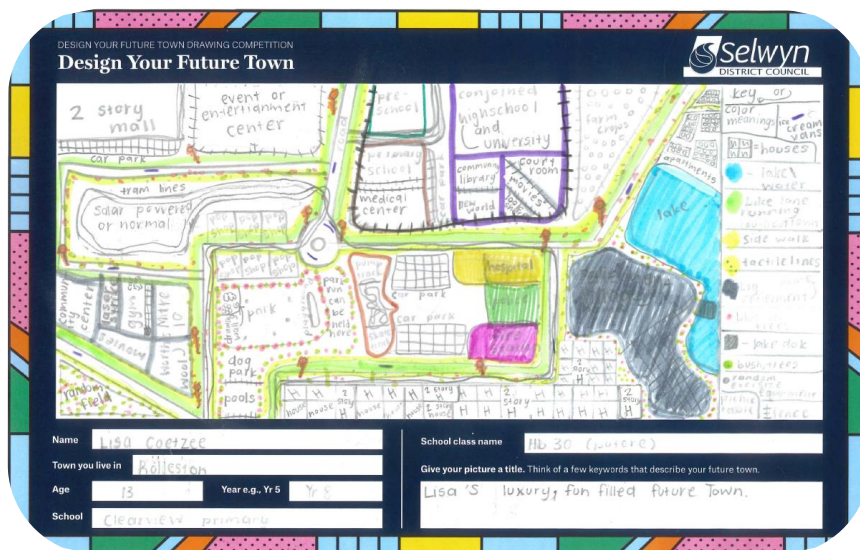


Figure 14 Lisa Coetzee from Rolleston

## My Future Town Workbook – Summer Edition:

Following the success of the initial My Future Town Workbooks, a summer edition was made to extend this to the wider community over the summer holidays. This was made available at events and facilities and captured a broader audience.

Winner:



Figure 15 Penny Tinnelly winner from the Summer Edition

Penny Tinnelly from West Rolleston School won the competition and her town design was chosen for its reflection of the Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn six Strategic Priorities with different types of houses (Housing), an innovative park and playground (Blue-Green), different forms of transport (Transport), shops and entertainment not currently in the Selwyn District like Time Zone and a Movie Theatre (Economy), and community infrastructure like a much needed school and hospital (People and Communities). The use of different colours to differentiate transport modes, with grey for roads and yellow for bike lanes was especially impressive. Future themes such as including family entertainment she would like to see that is not currently in the Selwyn District, being able to access the whole town by dedicated bike lanes and inclusion of a hospital and gym for a healthy community got the tick of approval from the planners.

Runners up:

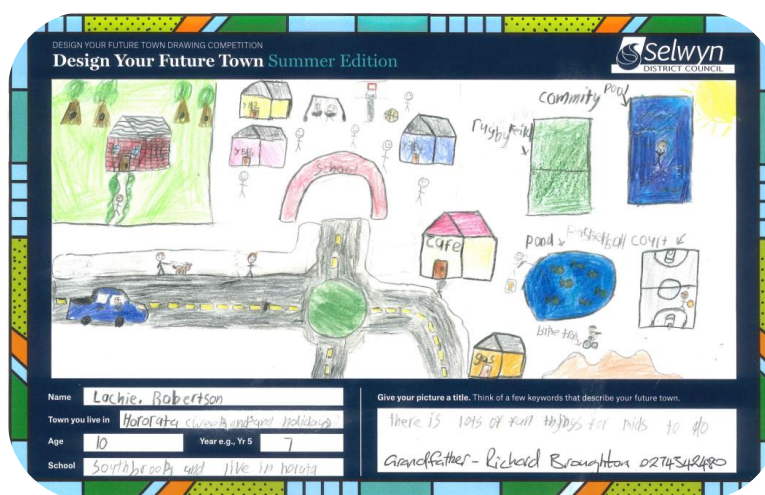


Figure 16 Lachie Robertson from Hororata

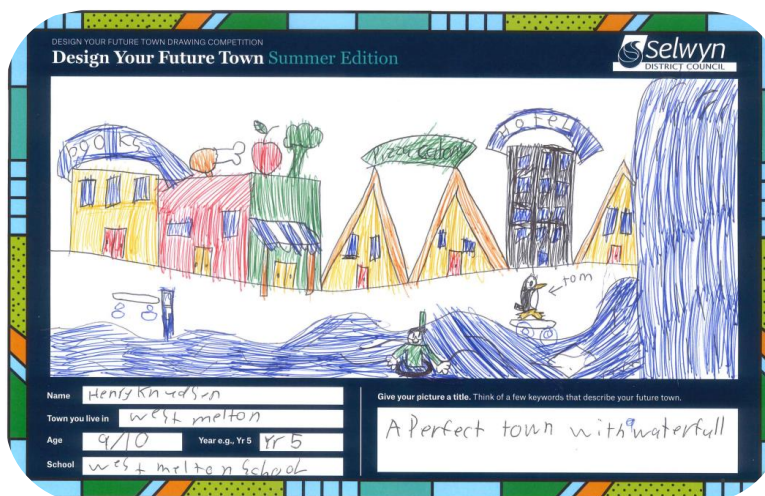


Figure 17 Henry Knudson from West Melton



## 1.5. Drop-Ins

The drop-in sessions were informal, come-and-go style events held in local community spaces, designed to make it easy for people to participate at a time that suited them. At each session, Council Strategy staff were available to answer questions and facilitate discussions. There were a range of materials to support engagement, including large-scale maps of each town, tokens and tape representing the 6 strategic priorities, feedback boards, and interactive activities to help spark ideas and capture local insights.

The feedback was then reviewed and grouped into key themes. This thematic analysis helped us identify both common priorities and location-specific issues.

The schedule of drop-ins:

<b>Eastern Selwyn Area</b>	<b>Malvern Area</b>	<b>Ellesmere Area</b>
Rolleston Weekday: 23 January 10am	Darfield Weekday: 22 January 3pm	Leeston Weekday: 4 February 10am
Rolleston Evening: 23 January 6pm	Darfield Weekend: 1 February 10am	Leeston Weekend: 1 February 2pm
Rolleston Weekend: 25 January 10am		Dunsandel Evening: 20 February 5.30pm
Lincoln Weekday 1: 30 January 1.30pm		
Lincoln Weekday 2: 4 February 3.30pm		
Lincoln Weekend: 16 February 11.30am		
Prebbleton Weekday: 19 February 3.30pm		
Tai Tapu Evening: 19 February 5.30pm		

## 1.6. Workshops - World Cafes

Workshops were conducted in the World Café style, a creative, facilitated session where attendees were divided into small groups, each with a table host to guide them through a 5-10-minute discussion on a specific question. After each round, attendees rotated to different tables with new questions. The room was set up to create a relaxed café atmosphere, with food and hot drinks provided to make participants feel comfortable. At the end of the session, attendees returned to their original tables to review the feedback from all groups and compile a summary, which was then presented back to the entire room.

These World Café sessions generated a wide range of ideas, perspectives, and priorities from participants across the district. Discussions focused on key themes such as housing, transport, community facilities, and town character. Scribes recorded notes on worksheets during each round of discussion and at the end of the session, a 2-minute summary of the key points was provided to the attendees.



*Figure 18 Rolleston world cafe session one*

After the events, all qualitative feedback was compiled and thematically analysed to identify common themes, unique insights, and location-specific aspirations. The outcomes from each public session are summarised in Appendix 1 of this report, organised by township and topic area, providing a clear snapshot of the community's priorities. The key themes from the Councillor world café are found in Appendix 3.

There were 7 workshops hosted over the months of January-March 2025. In total across all World Café events, we had 185 number of participants.

World Café dates and locations:

<b>Township</b>	<b>Workshop Type</b>	<b>Date</b>
Rolleston	World Café	16 Jan 2025
West Melton	World Café (with the Malvern Community Board)	27 Jan 2025
Leeston	World Café	28 Jan 2025
Lincoln	World Café	04 Feb 2025
Kirwee	World Café (Rural Focus)	10 Feb 2024
Lincoln	World Café	11 Feb 2025
Selwyn	Councillor World Café	26 Feb 2025
Rolleston	World Café	06 March 2025



## 1.7. Physical Crowdmap and Light Touch (dotmocracy)

The Physical Crowdmap and Light Touch (dotmocracy) activity was used across multiple engagement sites, including the Leeston, Lincoln, and Darfield libraries, Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Selwyn Sports Centre, as well as Selwyn District Council's HQ and staff café. These interactive formats invited participants to place coloured dots on the dotmocracy chart or place comment cards, tokens or tape corresponding to the strategic priorities on a large township map to highlight areas they valued, were concerned about, or saw potential for change. The comment cards were available for people to provide more detailed feedback or suggestions, and participants could also use stickers and tape to draw attention to specific locations or ideas for a light touch version on the crowd map.



Figure 19 physical crowd map with comment cards

We chose to use the dotmocracy and physical crowdmap approach as a simple, inclusive, and highly visual way to gather community input. These tools allowed participants to quickly and easily engage with planning topics without needing to attend a formal workshop or provide lengthy written feedback. By offering a hands-on, map-based activity, people could directly identify places they care about, highlight issues, and suggest ideas in a way that was accessible to all ages and backgrounds. To ensure this valuable input was properly recorded, librarians at each site were asked to take photographs of the physical crowd maps at regular intervals, capturing the placement of tokens, tape, and comment cards throughout the engagement period. Strategy Team staff then inputted this into the digital crowd map to ensure all mappable points were in a single source. This allowed for a more comprehensive analysis of the feedback and ensured that no insights were lost.



Figure 20 Light touch from HQ

The use of coloured dots encouraged participation from those who might not typically engage in traditional consultation processes. The self-directed format made it easy for people to engage at their own pace and in their own time, whether they were visiting the library, working in the office, or grabbing a coffee. This method also created an immediate visual snapshot of community sentiment, making it easy to identify patterns, common priorities, and areas of interest, while maintaining a relaxed, informal setting that supported spontaneous contributions. This approach proved effective in generating a wide range of perspectives and highlighting recurring themes that have helped inform the next steps in planning.

**Light touch pop up engagement results:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
SDC Headquarters Building	194
Lincoln Library 1	581
Lincoln Library 2	409
Selwyn Sports Centre and Selwyn Aquatic Centre (joint)	219
Selwyn Aquatic Centre (standalone)	780
Te Ara Ātea	420
SDC Staff Café	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,625</b>

A full break down of the light touch results is included in Appendix 2.

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## 1.8. Online – Digital Crowdmap

As part of the My Future Town engagement, we developed a digital crowd mapping tool to complement our in-person activities and provide a flexible, accessible way for the community to contribute their ideas online. The platform allowed participants to drop pins on an interactive map, categorise their feedback under the six strategic priorities (housing, transport, green spaces, economy, infrastructure and people and communities), and add comments to explain their thoughts in more detail. This tool was particularly valuable for reaching people who couldn't attend a pop-up session or preferred to engage digitally in their own time.

We chose to include a digital mapping option to ensure broader and more equitable participation across the district. It enabled us to gather location-specific feedback across all townships and rural areas, including those with fewer in-person engagement opportunities. It also provided a user-friendly and visual format for people to share local knowledge and future aspirations. The tool was well-received and generated a wide range of detailed, place-based insights.

From this digital engagement, we learned that many community members have a strong sense of place and a clear vision for their town's future. Common themes included the desire for better and more public transport options, preservation of green and open spaces, and a need for services and amenities that support growing populations. The spatial nature of the data has been particularly useful for identifying patterns, such as clusters of safety concerns around specific intersections, or recurring requests for community facilities in certain townships. All contributions from the digital crowd map have been compiled and analysed alongside feedback from other engagement methods. The spatial data and associated comments will inform upcoming Area Plan.

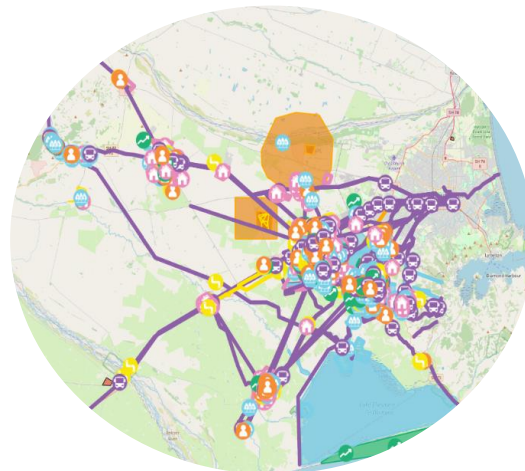


Figure 22 Screenshot from the My Future Town digital crowd map



Figure 23 Screenshot from the My Future Town digital crowd map

## 1.9. Events

Council also attended a range of events across the district over the summer period meet the community where they were. Here staff were able to continue capturing feedback from as many members of the community as possible. The diversity of these events allowed Council staff to engage with people of all ages and life stages, helping to build a broad and representative picture of community views. My Future Town was at the following events:

- Rolleston Christmas Parade
- Teddy Bears' Picnic
- Emergency Services Fun Day
- Kite Day
- Skate Jam
- Lincoln University Clubs Day

Similarly with the pop-up's, the information collected at each of these events was photographed and the comments added to the digital crowdmap.



Figure 24 Teddy Bears picnic

## 1.10. Rural Engagement

Council recognised the need to engage with our rural communities across the district. The rural areas make up a majority of our district, and engaging with those communities is crucial to be able to understand their unique needs, values, and aspirations. To support this, Council took the Edge Connector van on the road, visiting rural townships and local meeting points to bring the engagement directly to residents. This approach allowed us to connect and converse with people in places that are familiar and convenient to them, removing barriers to participation and ensuring their voices were heard.

Meeting people where they are helped foster meaningful conversations and provided insights that may not have surfaced through traditional urban-based consultation methods. These rural perspectives are vital in shaping future planning that reflects the full diversity of our district. We went to:

- Springfield
- Arthur's Pass
- Castle Hill
- Southbridge
- Lake Coleridge
- Glentunnel



In addition to these mobile pop-ups, Council hosted a World Café session with the Malvern Community Board in West Melton and a dedicated Rural World Café session in Kirwee to create a focused space for in-depth discussions on rural issues. This event, hosted after dairy milking hours brought together farmers, lifestyle block owners, and residents from across the district's rural areas to share their views in a collaborative, round-table format. Key themes discussed included land use, infrastructure challenges, access to services, environmental management, and the future of rural communities. The Rural World Café enabled Council to gather place-based insights directly from those living and working on the land, perspectives that are essential to informing future planning and ensuring that rural voices are not only included but actively shape the district's direction.



*Figure 25 Malvern Area World Café Workshop*

Similarly with our other pop-ups and events, we have uploaded the feedback from comment cards, tokens, tape and conversations with our rural communities to the digital crowd map. The world café summary for Kirwee has also been included in the summaries which can be found in Appendix 1.

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### 1.11. Targeted engagement

We have identified key stakeholders across the district and are currently undertaking targeted engagement with them as part of the My Future Town process. This ongoing engagement ensures that those who play a significant role in shaping the future of Selwyn, such as business leaders, developers, community organisations, and iwi partners, can contribute their insights and perspectives. The intention behind this targeted approach is to ensure that the voices of influential stakeholders are also reflected in the future planning of our towns, alongside our communities' vision and aspirations. The outcomes of this engagement will be shared later, once these conversations have been completed and analysed.

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## 2. Area and Township Summaries

This report section analyses public feedback from the 'My Future Town' engagement initiative across our six strategic priorities: Blue-Green Areas, Transport, People & Communities, Economy, Housing, and Infrastructure. We present both district-wide themes and location-specific trends that emerged for each priority. The organisation of these comments and trends varies by topic to effectively communicate the public's input. This approach allows us to identify both the broader strategic directions our communities support and the specific needs important to individual towns and rural

areas. The insights presented are derived from crowd map contributions and will guide the development of targeted actions and long-term district priorities.

## 2.1. Our Transport

Feedback Type	Points	Polygons	Lines	Total
Feedback with comments	496	40	212	748
Unmarked feedback	14	1	2	17

Comment's Subtopic	Total
Public Transport	158
Roading	126
Safety	104
Cycling	78
Walking/Pedestrian	71
Crossings	40
Rail	24
Transport Corridors	19
Freight	5
Unassigned	78

Community feedback across the Selwyn District indicates a strong desire for a range of safe and viable transport options. There were strong calls for an improved public transport network, with more bus lines that are frequent and reliable. Walking and cycling options were a focus for many, with people asking for more footpaths, shared paths and cycleways to connect them to the services and amenities that the district offers.

People want to be able to easily and quickly get to their destination while also wanting to ensure they could do this safely. This tension was most clearly seen with regard to road speeds, with some asking for speed limit increases, while others sought a reduction to speed limits, especially around town centres and schools.

### 2.1.1. Eastern Selwyn

#### Crossings

Pedestrian Crossings were raised in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton, primarily around town centres and along school routes. Within Rolleston, specific locations for crossings were identified along Feijoa Grove, and around West Rolleston Primary School. Requests were also made to upgrade the rail level crossing on Hoskyns Road and for a controlled crossing at the Rolleston to Lincoln Shared Path on Selwyn Road.

In Lincoln, raised pedestrian crossings were requested at several locations along the three main roads of Gerald Street, Birches Road, and Edward Street, with concern raised about cars failing to slow down and stop. Raised crossing were also sought outside Ararira Springs Primary School to improve student safety. In Prebbleton the need for a crossing was identified at the roundabout of Springs and Blakes Road.

#### Cycling

A strong desire for new and extended cycleways was expressed, both between and within townships. Comments were received requesting safe cycle connections between each of the townships of Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, and Tai Tapu. Connections were also sought to connect these towns to Christchurch city.

Within the townships, new and extended dedicated cycleways and shared paths were identified along many of the main corridors. The comments within township also expressed concern for cycle safety, especially crossing busy roads and around schools.

Requests were also made for recreational cycle routes or tracks, particularly along the Selwyn River and LII River to Te Waihora, up the Port Hills, and along the rail trail.

### **Freight**

Freight was not a common topic, with only 3 comments received within Eastern Selwyn. These comments related to utilising the rail network, providing more truck stops and a request for an airport in Rolleston.

### **Public Transport**

There was overwhelming feedback asking for more public transport options across the Selwyn District, particularly buses and trains. There was a strong desire for frequent, reliable, and accessible services, especially to Christchurch, Rolleston, and Lincoln. People want coverage in newly developed residential areas, with many noting the current lack of bus stops and poor access. There was also an emphasis on the need for services that suit commuters, students, the elderly, and those without cars.

Additional considerations raised included the support for Park and Ride facilities especially near train stops or major intersections. Multi-modal integration, including Bike-friendly public transport, as well as Safe and connected cycleways between towns and transport hubs. There was also some mention of on-demand shuttles (like Timaru's MyWay) as an alternative for rural areas.

### **Rail**

All rail related comments received were focused on commuter rail, as opposed to freight. Requests were received asking for commuter rail along the main N/S trunk line connecting towns from Timaru through to Christchurch.

### **Roading**

Many comments highlight that the current transport network is not coping with growth, especially in rapidly expanding areas like Rolleston and Lincoln. There are calls for strategic planning now to future-proof key corridors—particularly through road widening, better intersections, and 4-laning of key roads.

Across several towns, there is insufficient parking, particularly near town centres, schools, and high-use areas. Submitters request more large and free carparks, clearer signage, and better design for traffic flow. Time-limited parking is supported in commercial areas to protect access for customers. Requests for road speeds varied with some asking for higher speeds while others asked for slower speeds. In general, faster speed requests were more prevalent between townships and slower speeds were located within townships, particularly around town centres and schools.

### **Safety**

Comments centred around dangerous intersections, speed reduction, pedestrian & cyclist safety, parking & access issues and infrastructure improvements. Respondents identified multiple high-risk intersections, often due to poor visibility, high speeds, and missed stop signs, with calls for roundabouts, traffic lights, turning bays, and better signage. Widespread support for lowering speed limits across townships was expressed, particularly near schools, parks, and residential areas.



### **Transport Corridors**

Feedback focused on upgrading key arterial roads to manage current and future congestion. This includes creating new corridors or bypasses and widening roads to four lanes.

### **Walking/Footpaths**

Feedback received centred on increasing walking infrastructure within and between towns. Connectivity and accessibility were key concerns, with people asking for pedestrian connections to the town centres. Recreational walking routes and trails were also asked for, along rivers, rail trails and up the Port Hills. There were also calls for footpaths to be provided on both sides of roads within the townships. Concerns were highlighted about accessibility for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, and buggies.

## **2.1.2. Malvern**

### **Crossings**

Pedestrian crossings were requested to cross SH73 in Darfield in town centre and across McLaughlins Road. Request for pedestrian crossings in Arthurs Pass to cross SH73.

### **Cycling**

A number of routes connecting different towns and locations were sought, including:

- Arthurs Pass to the Westcoast
- Arthurs Pass to Hawdon Valley
- Castlehill Village to Porters Pass
- Lake Coleridge Township to Lake Coleridge
- Lake Coleridge Township to Terrace Downs

Comments received in Darfield requested a designated cycleway along West Coast Road, as well as requests for opportunities to do offroad biking and the provision of trails.

### **Freight**

The only freight related comments in the Malvern Area related to creating a bypass around the south of Darfield.

### **Public Transport**

Comments within Malvern reflected many of the same concerns and desires as Eastern Selwyn. Most responses received centred on Darfield, with many calls for more frequent buses, especially to Christchurch. Weekend and School transport options were also sought, as well as a desire to see the train network utilised for commuter rail. Within some of the smaller towns, such as Arturs Pass and Springfield, there were also calls to be serviced by public transport.

### **Rail**

As with Eastern Selwyn, feedback focused on commuter rail, with a couple of comments requesting that the inland rail line be utilised.

### **Roading**

There are widespread concerns about narrow, poorly maintained, or unsafe roads, especially in rural areas and near schools. Submitters want lower speed limits in villages, reduced traffic volumes near schools, and safer road layouts. Some mention damaged bridges, verge issues, and inadequate snow clearing in alpine areas.

In places like Castle Hill and Arthur's Pass, there are repeated calls for EV chargers and better signage about the distance to the next refuelling point. People are worried about getting stranded, especially in tourist or high-altitude zones.

#### **Safety**

Responses primarily focused on issues around crossings roads around schools and across the State Highway. Road speeds were also highlighted around towns, schools and parks, with requests for slower speeds in these areas.

#### **Transport Corridors**

The only comment received was to identify the lack of connection between Lake Coleridge Village and Lake Coleridge.

#### **Walking/Footpaths**

There was widespread demand for new or extended footpaths, especially in Whitecliffs, Coalgate, Glentunnel, and Darfield, where some areas lack basic pedestrian infrastructure. Specific calls for footpaths outside schools, and along Telegraph Road, with raised crossings and islands for safety. Numerous calls for better pedestrian connections to community facilities and parks were also made.

### **2.1.3. Ellesmere**

#### **Pedestrian Infrastructure**

Pedestrian access concerns were noted in the Ellesmere area, with specific emphasis on the need for a pedestrian crossing across State Highway 1 in Dunsandel.

#### **Cycling Facilities**

Cycling infrastructure received limited attention in public feedback, with the notable exception of a request for a dedicated cycleway connecting Leeston and Lincoln.

#### **Public Transport Services**

A significant theme emerging from the feedback is widespread dissatisfaction regarding public transport availability. Residents expressed frustration about the discontinuation or reduction of previous services, particularly the 87 bus route and Selwyn Link. There is strong community desire for regular bus services connecting local communities to Rolleston, Lincoln, and Christchurch.

#### **Rail Connectivity**

Two comments specifically addressed rail services within the Ellesmere area, both advocating for commuter rail development between Timaru and Christchurch with an intermediate stop in Dunsandel.

#### **Road Conditions and Speed Management**

Road-related comments primarily focused on two aspects: the need for improved maintenance and road quality, and concerns regarding speed limits. Community opinion appears divided on speed management, with some residents requesting speed reductions while others advocate for increases in certain areas.

#### **Safety Measures**

Safety concerns centred primarily on pedestrian crossing facilities. Some comments called for various crossing infrastructure improvements including zebra crossings, signal-controlled intersections, and speed reduction measures in key pedestrian areas.

### Transport Corridor Resilience

A noteworthy theme in the feedback was the importance of resilient connections across the area's waterways. Residents called for upgrades to existing bridges and construction of additional river crossings to ensure reliable transport networks throughout the region.

## 2.2. Our Economy

Feedback Type	Points	Polygons	Lines	Total
Feedback with comments	267	49	15	331
Unmarked feedback	2	0	0	2

Comment's Subtopic	Total
Shops/Retail/Business Zones	245
Unassigned	33
Tourism	25
Employment and Jobs	22
Unassigned	33

Community feedback across Selwyn District reflects a strong desire for more economic diversity and opportunity, with particular emphasis on expanding retail, employment, hospitality, and entertainment options. The community want to see the district grow in ways that better serve its growing population, through thoughtfully located large format retail such as supermarkets, more diverse shops and neighbourhood retail, family-friendly attractions, and stronger employment precincts. While Rolleston was a key focus due to its population and growth, and Lincoln because of its existing knowledge focus, feedback emphasises the importance of supporting economic activity that aligns with the character and scale of each township.

There is significant support for larger-scale retail and commercial hubs, including requests for specific brands such as Kmart and Mitre 10, new supermarket locations, and an indoor mall in Rolleston. Suggestions also extend to light industrial development and innovation-focused employment zones, such as science, research and technology precincts around Lincoln. There was very little feedback around the rural economy and employment outside of townships.

A desire for job creation, especially for young people and in rural townships was evident, alongside calls for Rolleston to evolve into a more complete centre with vibrant retail and entertainment offerings as well as offices and for Lincoln to leverage its knowledge, science and research strengths.

Townships in Malvern and Ellesmere desired revitalised main streets, more cohesive business zones, and better hospitality offerings. Across the district, residents expressed enthusiasm for economic growth that enhances local character and supports thriving, self-sufficient communities. The overall sentiment is not simply about having more—but about having the right types of economic growth, in the right places, that reflect the unique needs and identities of each part of Waikirikiriri Selwyn.

### 2.2.1. Eastern Selwyn

Across Eastern Selwyn, people support the idea of a more self-sufficient local economy that emphasised a strong desire for growth and encouraging more business to establish. Residents want

to see a stronger, more diverse local job market through enabling more business land in more locations to reduce the need for commuting into Christchurch for employment.

Rolleston is widely recognised as the economic centre of Waikirikir Selwyn and is viewed as needing to pull the levers to incentivise evolution into a more complete town with additional employment, commercial, and service offerings that would be seen in comparable townships with 30-50,000 people. There is interest in encouraging more office-based and service-sector jobs, alongside retail, logistics and manufacturing that is already prominent in places such as Izone. There is concern with the potential for business land growth in Rolleston to encroach on nearby residential or rural areas with a desire for clear boundaries and buffers between these interfaces.

In Lincoln, the research and knowledge sector that is centred around Lincoln University and Crown Research Institutes provides advantages and foundation conditions that should be leveraged for growth. Support is expressed for an innovation precinct linking with these with the goal of fostering research-commercial partnerships. Many comments propose that more should be done to attract innovation-based businesses and complementary industries, particularly in areas like agri-tech and environmental science. The Lincoln town centre is also seen as a critical area of focus for economic development, with calls for more dining, retail, and hospitality, complementing its character and university town atmosphere.

Some communities, particularly Prebbleton and Tai Tapu caution against economic growth that leads to commercial sprawl or undermines their village centres. They instead see them as places where smaller-scale economic activity, such as boutique retail, local services, and hospitality, are better suited. There is a preference for economic development to remain compact and well-integrated within existing township footprints in Prebbleton. Although limited comments were received, West Melton is understood to be underserved by business land, with new precincts required.

#### **Large Format Retail and Supermarkets**

There were multiple requests for additional large format retail in the following areas:

- Izone in the Large Format Retail Zone
- Rolleston Reserve
- Rolleston next to Pak N Save/Mitre 10 and long Levi Road to District Park (Weedons Road).
- South Rolleston, specifically Arbor Green.
- South Lincoln, specifically Earlsbrook
- Lincoln North, in two locations, along Ellesmere Road and Birchs Road/Tancreds Road
- West Melton along West Coast Road.

Supermarkets were highly requested together with Kmart and Mitre 10. Additionally, a mall with anchor tenants such as Farmers were requested in Rolleston, with the area between Pak N Save and District Park along Levi Road suggested. There however was some commentary to not allow further supermarkets in Rolleston, or large format retail by those who would rather travel to Christchurch such as Hornby.

#### **Industrial Land**

There was limited feedback received about industrial land with only four locations identified:

- Rolleston surrounding Izone, specifically to the east bordering Weedons Road.
- Between Lincoln and Rolleston, specifically between Shands Road, Springston Rolleston Road, Waterholes Road next to and including the new Oderings Nursery site
- Between Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton, but close to Springston, centred on Ellesmere Junction Road.

- West Melton, with light industrial on West Coast Road on the western edge.
- There was limited commentary provided or context as to reasoning.

### **Employment/Jobs Precincts**

Specific employment precincts were desired at the following locations:

- Weedons/Levi Road Intersection east of Rolleston was an area people specifically desired office space
- Science and Research Gateway around Lincoln
- Research Science focus around Lincoln
- Industrial employment in Izone
- Film studios north of Izone
- Rocket launches mentioned on the Kaitorete Spit at the Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre

### **Entertainment**

Entertainment was a strong narrative with more family-friendly things to do being highly requested such as a cinema/movie theatre being extensively mentioned. Additional businesses such as Timezone, bowling, trampoline park, and chipmunks being highly desired. Informal third spaces provided by private businesses that are publicly accessible as hang out spaces for youth/teens/students were wanted across Eastern Selwyn, but primarily in Rolleston Town centre and near Lincoln University. Council was requested to do more to encourage them to establish.

### **Hospitality Food and Beverage**

More hospitality requests, specifically food and beverage, was consistent across Eastern Selwyn, but specific to townships with a lot more range and diversity in Rolleston including more fast food and quick casual options, and more food and liquor licenced premises desired in Lincoln to create a 'North Dunedin' like atmosphere and improved student scene. There was however a small number of comments about there being too many restaurants on Tennyson Street in Rolleston. Gerald Street in Lincoln and Springs Road in Prebbleton were identified as needing main street revitalisation to encourage and incentivise the regeneration of these centres.

## **2.2.2. Malvern**

In the Malvern Area economic development is generally seen as desirable, particularly if it helps maintain the viability of smaller towns and supports local jobs. There was great pride in the area's rural economy and a strong desire to see growth that complements this. Growth is viewed very differently between the main centre of Darfield, the neighbouring townships such as Glentunnel, Sheffield/Waddington and Kirwee versus the high-country towns like Whitecliffs and Lake Coleridge Village, and then Castle Hill Village and Arthur's Pass alpine recreation and tourism towns.

Darfield was frequently noted as having potential to expand its commercial offering, with suggestions for more professional services, retail, and hospitality to serve the growing population. There were 8 requests for a full-line supermarket. Feedback recommended revitalising the town centre and attracting new businesses to reduce the need to travel to Rolleston or Christchurch for basic goods and services.

There was no feedback in Kirwee, Sheffield/Waddington, Coalgate and Glentunnel, suggesting they don't see these towns as having an economic function, instead travelling to Darfield, or that there is no suggestion for improvement in retail, hospitality or employment that currently may be meeting their needs well. There was one employment related comment which was in Hororata: "More business zoning to allow rural business to grow."

Whitecliffs and Lake Coleridge Village had unique commentary, indicating they preferred to have no shops and commercial areas, which was tied to their local identity. Lake Coleridge specially has unique solutions to meet their needs such as coffee served out of a window and their community owned billiards club to meet their hospitality and entertainment needs.

The alpine recreation towns of Castle Hill Village and Arthurs Pass Village indicated their economic activity was strongly tied to tourism and seasonal activity such as skiing. New attractions such as hot pools, and visitor centres and encouraging fishing and hunting were suggested. Greater diversity in accommodation in Castle Hill Village was identified as an issue needing improvement. Dark Sky opportunities in Arturs Pass were mentioned.

#### **Large Format Retail and Supermarkets**

There were two requests for large format retail, both in Darfield on the corner of Greendale Road and Cardale Street, and 8 comments about a bigger supermarket where the 4 Square is.

#### **Shops/Retail/hospitality/entertainment/Business Zones**

There was limited feedback but there was a consistent desire for more retail and hospitality offerings in Darfield and opportunities for new commercial spots. There was one comment about a small cinema in Darfield and a comment suggesting a new pub at the site of the old Castle Hill Pub would be great.

#### **Tourism**

Tourism was the primary focus of commentary in the high-country areas. Opportunities were identified Kura Tāwhiti/Castle Hill and Arthurs Pass Village, luxury tourism in Castle Hill Village like Terrace Downs, Dark Sky in Arthurs Pass and for encouraging fishing and hunting at Flock Hill and Lake Coleridge. There were requests for visitor centres at three locations:

- Springfield where the old café is
- Kura Tāwhiti/Castle Hill at the carpark
- Arthurs Pass Village, restoring the original Department of Conservation centre

Accommodation to support tourism was an issue identified as needing improvement, with greater diversity desired in Castle Hill Village such as a campground, backpackers and 5 star luxury like at Terrace Downs.

### **2.2.3. Ellesmere**

Economic feedback in the Ellesmere Area was much lower than that of Eastern Selwyn and Malvern Areas which primarily focussed on the Leeston Town Centre. There were only three comments outside of Leeston with one comment in Southbridge identifying Ashburton is better for shopping, one economy polygon in Dunsandel with no commentary and an additional polygon in Dunsandel requesting Council develop commercial options.

In the Leeston Town Centre there was a desire for a greater retail mix and more food and beverage options and places to eat. Fast food places were specifically requested. Entertainment options were suggested such as an arcade, Timezone and bowling.

There was one comment highlighting the need for a new industrial area in Leeston behind the town centre by the sewerage ponds.

## 2.3. Our Housing

Feedback Type	Points	Polygons	Lines	Total
Feedback with comments	175	56	39	270
Unmarked feedback	20	2	8	30

Comment's Subtopic	Total
Greenfield areas for growth or more housing	149
Brownfield areas for growth or more housing	35
Areas for high densities	13
Township Sentiment	10
Ageing in place	7
Urban sprawl	4
Affordable and Social Housing	3
Reduce urban sprawl	1
Unassigned	79

Community feedback across the Selwyn District indicates a broad interest in supporting future housing development that has a strong emphasis on ensuring growth is well-planned, balanced, and appropriate to the character of each area. People generally recognise the need for more housing to meet population demands and support local services, but they are equally concerned about maintaining the distinct identity of townships, managing infrastructure pressures, and protecting valued rural environments.

There is a clear call for more housing variety, from lifestyle sections to higher-density options and a desire to see new development located in areas that make sense strategically and environmentally. At the same time, many communities expressed concern about the pace and scale of growth, particularly where it could lead to sprawl, loss of green space and the merging of towns, particularly in the east (Lincoln, Prebbleton), or strain on schools, roads, and other services.

Overall, the sentiment is not anti-growth, but rather pro-smart growth. Residents want to see housing that is diverse, affordable, and well-integrated with infrastructure and transport, while also maintaining a sense of place and community wellbeing.

### 2.3.1. Eastern Selwyn

#### **Rolleston Area**

##### **General Comments**

A common theme is the desire to reduce urban sprawl and make better use of existing infrastructure. Many respondents highlight the need for more efficient development that leverages current services.

##### **Affordable Housing**

The District Park, Helpet Park and West Rolleston (particularly the Dunns Crossing Rd subdivision) have been highlighted as potential sites for affordable housing.

##### **High Density Housing**

High-density housing is proposed down Tennyson Street. Helpet Park is suggested for two-storey high-density housing. However, there are concerns about the impact of high-density development with a desire to avoid overdevelopment.

### **Growth & Sprawl**

There is support for high-density housing near key urban centres but concerns about potential overdevelopment and resulting sprawl, especially heading towards Rattletrack Road which should be avoided. Residents urge caution in development management, asking for preservation of rural character. The wider Rolleston area was identified as a significant area for housing growth. Key areas marked for development include Brookside Road, Goulds Road, and Weedons Road. Additionally, multiple blocks southwest of Rolleston along Selwyn Road have been suggested for housing.

### **Lincoln and Surrounds**

#### **General Comments**

Some residents are concerned about the impact of over-intensification on the town's character. They emphasise the importance of maintaining a traditional town feel and avoiding excessive development that could disrupt the existing community fabric.

#### **Growth Pressures**

Lincoln is experiencing significant growth, leading to concerns about the loss of rural land and potential urban sprawl. Many residents are anxious about the town's growth trajectory and the effects on surrounding rural areas.

#### **Urban Sprawl**

There is a strong desire to retain Lincoln's distinct identity. Many respondents specifically request that the town avoid merging with larger urban areas.

#### **Brownfield Development**

Murray Place in Lincoln is seen as a potential site for affordable or lower-priced housing, which could help address the demand for more accessible housing options. Edendale has been mentioned, with requests to review zoning restrictions that limit the number of allotments in the area.

#### **Polygons - Very High Interest**

There is community interest in increasing housing density in and around Lincoln. Multiple comments call for higher-density options such as apartments and shop-top housing, especially within new developments like Earlsbrook, Brookvale, Flemington, and the town centre. The Crescent area around Lincoln University has been specifically highlighted for redevelopment of older student flats into more modern, higher-quality housing.

#### **Expansion Areas**

Several requests have been made to subdivide remaining land near the Lincoln Wetlands, Edward Street, Ellesmere Road, and Southfield Drive. These areas are seen as logical extensions of the township, particularly given their proximity to existing infrastructure.

#### **Student Housing**

There is strong interest in student and affordable housing around Lincoln University, suggesting a clear desire to support the student population and young professionals with more accessible housing choices close to campus.

#### **Areas of Caution - Eastern Lincoln**



Eastern Lincoln has been the subject of repeated concern from residents, specifically the area between Tancreds Road, Hudsons and Ellesmere Road. Feedback highlights the importance of preserving the village feel in this direction and preventing urban sprawl. There is strong local sentiment against intensification in this area.

### **Tai Tapu**

#### **General Comments**

Residents of Tai Tapu are cautious about becoming another Rolleston, with many advocating for development that respects the existing character of the area.

#### **High Density Housing**

High-density housing is proposed for Tai Tapu village, though there is also preference for larger lot sizes (e.g., 1500m<sup>2</sup> to 1 ha).

#### **Housing Preferences**

In Tai Tapu, many residents have requested large lifestyle lots, with specific interest in 1ha and 5000m<sup>2</sup> blocks along Cossars Road, Old Tai Tapu Road, Rhodes Road, and Michaels Road. There is also a call for medium-lot housing options ranging from 800 to 2000m<sup>2</sup>.

### **West Melton**

#### **High Density Housing**

High-density apartments are requested for the West Coast Road area.

#### **Growth**

West Melton has seen some support for growth in certain areas, particularly adjacent to Plan Change 77 along Halkett Road. Strong interest has also been shown in developing housing on the northern, northwestern, and southwestern edges of West Melton. The north side of Finlays Road has also been highlighted. There have been multiple requests to develop the area known as "The Wedge," particularly the land between Weedons Ross Road and West Melton Road.

#### **Retirement Housing**

There is a specific comment for a full-service retirement centre along West Coast Road, indicating a targeted need for elderly housing in this area.

### **Springston Area**

#### **Urban Sprawl**

There is a strong desire to retain Springston's distinct identity. Many respondents specifically request that the town avoid merging with larger urban areas.

### **Other Areas**

#### **High Density Housing**

A comment suggesting the creation of high-density housing was placed over the Ladbrooks school area.

#### **Weedons Polygons**

A suggestion is to divest the old RNZAF base in Weedons, with a proposal that the land be transferred to Ngāi Tahu for the development of a new community. Additionally, there is a proposal for new housing along the north side of SH1, particularly around Two Chain Road and Wards Road.

### 2.3.2. Malvern

#### **Darfield and Surrounds**

##### **Brownfield Development**

There is support for brownfield redevelopment, particularly through subdividing larger lots to allow for one to two additional homes per section. Piako Drive is mentioned as an example where infill development could help meet demand without expanding the town's footprint.

##### **Greenfield Development**

There is interest in greenfield development particularly around Telegraph Road, where feedback supports more housing but with a strong preference for sizeable sections to maintain a rural and spacious feel. However, concerns are raised about overdevelopment and sprawl, with community members urging caution.

##### **Retirement Housing**

Darfield was noted as a location where additional retirement housing is needed, particularly in connection with the Haunui Retirement Village.

##### **Infrastructure Concerns**

Infrastructure limitations, particularly regarding school capacity and health services, are frequently mentioned as constraints to further growth. Feedback draws attention to current strains, with particular concern around the capacity of local schools, general practitioners, and the supermarket. Participants emphasise the need to limit further housing until these services can be adequately expanded.

##### **Development Character**

Comments reflect unease about "urban sprawl," with a clear preference for measured growth that doesn't compromise Darfield's rural character or existing quality of life.

##### **Urban Growth**

###### **South**

- Multiple polygon entries indicate interest in development stretching from Cressy Oaks down to Greendale Road.

###### **North**

- Feedback suggests filling in gaps between existing small residential pockets and surrounding farmland.

###### **Northeast**

- A preference is expressed for large-lot lifestyle buffers, particularly in the area between Ryelands and Horndon Street, preserving a semi-rural edge while allowing for growth.

###### **West**

- Specific calls for large lot residential zoning (LLRZ) around Bangor Road show interest in extending the township with low-density, lifestyle-focused housing.

#### **Kirwee**

Kirwee residents express a desire for new housing that reflects the area's rural character. Specifically, there is strong support for large section sizes, ranging from 1500m<sup>2</sup> to 1ha, to preserve the town's low-density identity.

#### **Coalgate**

In Coalgate, there is general support for more housing if it aligns with the existing village character.

#### **Hororata**

Hororata township has been identified as a location suitable for modest expansion. Feedback suggests that allowing more growth here would be beneficial for the community, provided it is managed in a way that aligns with infrastructure availability.

#### **Whitecliffs**

In Whitecliffs, population growth has been particularly noticeable since the Canterbury earthquakes, with many baches having been converted into permanent homes.

#### **Springfield and Waddington**

Feedback highlights a clear need for growth to ensure the long-term viability of essential services, including schools and local businesses. Community members suggest that a population base of around 2,000 residents is necessary for these villages to remain sustainable.

#### **Challenges**

Limited land availability, due in part to farms that are unlikely to be sold, poses a challenge to this growth.

#### **Lake Coleridge**

Lake Coleridge is noted for having very limited housing availability. Feedback suggests a need for small-scale infill development to help meet local demand without altering the area's isolated, rural nature.

#### **Castle Hill**

Castle Hill presents a unique planning challenge. Feedback indicates issues with worker accommodation in the area, suggesting a gap in housing provision for seasonal or service workers. Two main areas are suggested for housing within Castle Hill Village:

- North of the village, particularly around Telemark Rise
- East of the village, including the area from the old pub site extending to the sewage ponds
- These areas are identified for small-scale growth, likely aimed at catering to lifestyle or holiday homeowners, with some interest in permanent housing options.

#### **Arthurs Pass**

Feedback is clear that the township should be protected from further development. Concerns likely relate to environmental constraints, natural hazards, and the unique alpine character of the area.

### **2.3.3. Ellesmere**

#### **Leeston**

##### **Housing Demand**

A strong desire for additional housing was expressed, particularly in greenfield locations around Leeston Dunsandel Road, Harmans Road, Beethams Road, and Da Vinci Avenue. Comments often simply stated "housing" or "I want to see more housing".

##### **Character Preservation**

Many contributors were clear that housing typologies should fit the town's rural identity, with preferences for section sizes around 800m<sup>2</sup> or larger to preserve the spacious feel. Some concern was raised that too many small lots or rapid intensification could compromise Leeston's character. This interest in growth is tempered by concerns about maintaining small-town identity, with comments like "keep Leeston small!".

### **Infrastructure Concerns**

There are concerns about the number of new houses outpacing the provision of parks, sports fields, and community spaces.

### **Mixed-Use Areas**

High Street in Leeston was suggested as an appropriate location for mixed zoning, particularly for affordable or denser housing options. The Market Street/Selwyn Street area also drew support for increased residential activity, showing potential for coordinated infill.

### **Housing Diversity**

A targeted suggestion for smaller lots scattered among larger ones on Manse Road was made, aiming to balance density with neighbourhood character.

### **Elderly Housing**

Multiple comments highlighted the need for higher-density elderly housing, with a suggestion to locate it around Feredays Road, with preferences for two-bedroom units with gardens to support independent living.

### **Expansion Areas**

There is considerable interest in expanding housing opportunities, with calls for increased subdivision and boundary extensions. Key areas include Leeston Dunsandel Road, Manse Road, Drain Road, Harmans Road, Feredays Road, and Beethams Road, as well as streets like Woodville St, Clausen Ave, and High St.

### **Southbridge**

#### **Elderly Housing**

Feedback emphasised a reliance on Leeston for aged care, pointing to a lack of local infrastructure and reinforcing the need to better distribute elderly housing and services across the Ellesmere area.

### **Expansion Areas**

There is interest in expanding housing opportunities, with suggestions focused on Gordon St, Hobson St, and St John St.

### **Dunsandel**

#### **Housing Growth**

There is support for "more housing choice" provided it is backed by infrastructure upgrades—particularly around SH1 and Keands Road. Suggestions called for a compact urban form linked with services.

### **Development Areas**

Polygon-based feedback proposed affordable housing and residential development opportunities west of SH1, near the Domain, and along Irvine Road.

### **Development Potential**

Dunsandel may be viewed as a potential "release valve" for more affordable or alternative housing growth beyond Rolleston.

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## 2.4. Our Blue-Green

Feedback Type	Points	Polygons	Lines	Total
Feedback with comments	388	61	65	514
Unmarked feedback	15	3	1	19

Comment's Subtopic	Total
Parks/reserves/open spaces	302
Trees, Notable Trees/forests	63
Rivers/streams/lakes	33
Landscapes	14
Soils	5
Unassigned	116

Community feedback across Selwyn towns consistently emphasised the importance of protecting and enhancing natural environments. Residents expressed a strong preference for native planting, more tree cover, and preserving key green spaces such as Rolleston's District Park and Lincoln's reserves and wetlands. There was widespread interest in creating more connected walking and biking networks, integrating water-sensitive design, and ensuring developments reflect environmental values. Across the Malvern Area, locals called for better recreational infrastructure, including playgrounds, pump tracks, and accessible parks, alongside native reforestation and protection of important landscapes.

Water quality and ecological health were recurring concerns, particularly around the Selwyn River, Lake Lyndon, and Lake Coleridge, where pollution and algae have impacted recreation and wildlife. In Leeston, feedback focused on river and stream restoration, expanding nature-based recreation like kayaking and riverside walks, and ensuring developers contribute meaningfully to green infrastructure. Overall, the community strongly supports balancing recreation with conservation, protecting the region's rural and natural character, and enhancing access to well-designed, ecologically sensitive open spaces.

### 2.4.1. Eastern Selwyn

#### Rolleston

The District Park emerged as the most frequently referenced location throughout the engagement process, with residents presenting a clear vision for its development as a botanical garden-style space. Community members advocated strongly for native planting, comprehensive walking and biking trails, and dedicated picnic areas, whilst explicitly opposing any roading or housing development within this space. Many residents view this area as a unique opportunity to establish a landmark green space for Rolleston, with one resident suggesting: "Can we make this a mini-Christchurch Botanic Gardens please? With a native plants section and arboretum." The strength of feeling about preserving this space was evident in comments like: "Leave this to be a green space / park / reserve only. No roading!" Interestingly, feedback also revealed desires for recreational facilities that could coexist harmoniously with environmental values, such as proposals combining native planting with cricket grounds and tennis courts.

Water play areas featured prominently in community feedback, with strong calls for dedicated splash pads or water play zones, particularly in or near the District Park and Foster Park areas. Representative comments included enthusiastic requests such as "We want a water splash

playground!" and "Splash pad near Foster Park," demonstrating the popularity of this recreational concept among residents.

Recreation facilities received considerable attention, with particularly popular suggestions including a bike park with dirt jumps (frequently compared to Ashburton's existing facility), a disc golf course, and a fully accessible playground designed to accommodate users of all abilities. These suggestions reflect the community's desire for diverse recreational opportunities catering to different interests and needs.

New subdivisions, particularly in areas such as Silverstone, Adamite Drive, and Dunns Crossing Road, generated consistent feedback requesting more integrated community facilities. Residents advocated for additional playgrounds, pump tracks, and natural reserves to be incorporated into ongoing development, with specific suggestions including: "Add a park space to new housing with a ki o rahi court or pool," highlighting desires for culturally relevant recreational spaces.

Community gardens received positive feedback, particularly those located in Faringdon, with numerous suggestions to replicate and expand similar spaces throughout other areas of Rolleston, indicating appreciation for shared gardening facilities that foster community connections.

The preservation of reserve areas was emphasised as crucial, particularly along the southern boundary of Springston, which currently functions as a natural barrier between residential zones and future infrastructure. Feedback highlighted the need to prevent road infrastructure from disrupting established parks, especially the District Park. Reids Pit was specifically identified as an area that should be maintained as green space. Residents noted that Cream Can Corner at the intersection of Lowes Road and Springston Rolleston Road requires more appropriate plantings, suggesting a transition from predominantly grass areas to include diverse native and exotic plants. The Rolleston Reserve Skatepark also received notably positive feedback from community members.

#### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

Community feedback strongly emphasises the desire for enhanced recreational water features throughout the district. Residents of Rolleston specifically expressed that their area "needs more lakes and parks," with one suggestion for the Iport Rolleston area proposing a "man-made lake for recreational rowing/paddleboarding." At Helpet Park, respondents envisioned the creation of "an award-winning green space with water features incorporating the existing water race," highlighting the community's interest in integrating natural and constructed water elements into public spaces.

#### **Trees & Forests**

Native planting emerged as a significant priority across multiple locations. Rather than additional recreational facilities, some residents advocated for environmental restoration, stating that the District Park should "plant native trees and bushes – not yet another playground or sports field." Similar sentiments were expressed for Foster Park with calls for "more native plantings," while another resident suggested transforming Helpet Park to "turn into a native bush/gardens like Riccarton Bush."

The community also strongly supported increased tree cover throughout the district. Feedback ranged from simple requests like "more trees here" at Helpet Park to more strategic suggestions, such as "requiring developers to plant more shrubs and trees" to avoid creating "ecological deserts" in areas like Nobeline Drive. Other comments noted that certain grassed areas deemed "not big enough to play on" could be repurposed for "tree planting and windbreaks." Additional feedback highlighted the need for aesthetic improvement through vegetation, with comments that the Park and Ride facility "needs more green, very dull atm," and calls for "more gardens – encourage native

birds and animals" in the Lady Isaac Drive area. Notably, the concept of "Food Forest" appeared in feedback for four different locations across Rolleston.

Tree protection was another recurring theme in public responses. Residents advocated to "keep natural layout – build around existing trees" near Burnham School Road, and expressed concern about vegetation removal with comments like "plant more trees instead of cutting them down" at Kate Place. The sentiment "the trees in this area are beautiful. Please keep them" regarding Helpet Park further reinforces the community's attachment to existing greenery.

Food forests were specifically proposed as community-led initiatives for edible landscaping at several locations, including Rolleston Christian School, Faringdon Community Garden, and Brookside Road Church, demonstrating interest in combining environmental enhancement with practical food production.

### **Lincoln**

Parks, reserves and open spaces featured prominently in feedback from Lincoln residents. Playgrounds were in particularly high demand, especially in areas such as Liffey Springs, Major Drive, and Gerald Street. Specific requests included facilities with features like "a flying fox and long slide," which was mentioned repeatedly for Liffey Springs.

Dog parks were consistently requested, with multiple comments advocating for an off-leash area, particularly to the north-west of Lincoln High School. Similarly, skate parks received attention, with calls from around the Lincoln Events Centre area for an expanded facility comparable to Rolleston's.

Natural green spaces were highly valued by Lincoln respondents, especially along the Lincoln Wetlands and in Earlsbrook. The preservation of mature trees was considered particularly important, with one comment specifically requesting: "Please ensure the design is similar to Te Whāriki with lots of walking tracks and mature trees," indicating a preference for environmentally sensitive development that maintains existing natural features whilst enhancing accessibility.

Need for connected walking and biking paths, particularly more walking trails along the Liffey River from Lincoln to Te Waihora. Call for better connectivity between green spaces, specifically creating a connected greenbelt of parks running from the Liffey and around the eastern extent of the Lincoln Township. More accessible green space surrounding Lincoln, with the outer boundary of the township being specifically mentioned. The Lincoln Domain, including its northern extension, needs long-term planning for multi-use purposes, especially with increasing demand for space. Desire for a designated dog area in the Lincoln Walking Park and for extending parks like the Liffey Park, with more trails and a designated bike track.

Te Whāriki Reserve is appreciated for its "orange slide" playground, though there's a request for more toilet's at large playgrounds like this. Preserving green space, such as the land south of Earlsbrook and areas surrounding the Lincoln Wetlands and the Liffey Reserve, which should be maintained for recreational use, including bike tracks built by kids.

### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

Wetlands and stormwater management emerged as critical concerns for Lincoln residents, with many recognising the relationship between development and water management. One resident observed that "The more cover Lincoln has, the less the water can absorb. More stormwater goes to the wetlands," highlighting the impact of increased impermeable surfaces on water flow. Another comment emphasised the future importance of these natural features, stating that "Wetlands will be critical in how Lincoln manages climate and weather changes." The environmental and intergenerational value of these areas was also noted, with calls for "More nature, native wetland

restoring for next gen!" The Te Whāriki wetlands received particular praise for their effective stormwater management approach, with feedback suggesting that every subdivision should adopt similar systems going forward.

Recreational water features were also valued by the community. At Liffey Springs, there were specific calls to "Improve the weir design and stability," indicating attention to both the functional and aesthetic aspects of water management. The Brookvale Subdivision received positive feedback for its "Lovely water springs and great walk!" demonstrating appreciation for the integration of water features with recreational pathways. One ambitious suggestion proposed constructing "a sailing lake the size of Lake Pegasus" in the Carters Earlsbrook Lincoln South Subdivision, reflecting desires for substantial recreational water bodies within the community.

### **Trees & Forests**

Native planting featured prominently in feedback about Lincoln's green spaces. Residents expressed desires for "All native plants/trees like Te Whāriki" in the Earlsbrook area, indicating that existing successful native plantings serve as a model for future development. Similar sentiments were expressed for the Lincoln Wetlands during the University Clubs Day, with calls for "More native flora areas" demonstrating consistent support for indigenous vegetation throughout the community.

Increased tree cover was another significant theme, with particular attention to maintaining the character of established areas whilst enhancing newer developments. One resident noted the contrast between old and new areas, suggesting developers "Allow tall trees like in the old centre. New subdivisions favour swales instead" near McGrath Drive. Specific locations were identified for additional vegetation, with requests for "More trees and plants down Browns Lane" near Cassidy Avenue. The existing tree-lined streets were valued as an asset to be preserved, with one comment emphasising "Lincoln has done well with tree-lined streets. Don't let this disappear" regarding Edward Street.

Tree protection was specifically highlighted for the Earlsbrook Subdivision, with emphatic demands for "No loss of mature trees" during development. In addition to preserving existing trees, there were calls for future plantings to focus on native species, with one resident requesting that "All street trees native species" in the Earlsbrook area, reinforcing the community's preference for indigenous vegetation in both established and new developments.

Concern about the safety of cyclists and pedestrians along Ryelands Drive and part of Southfield Drive, where trees create hazards as people must weave between traffic. On the area bounded by West Belt, North Belt, William Street, and South Belt, there's a desire for more trees, shade, and soft landscaping, including native plants such as Echinacea and Gaura.

### **Soils**

Calls to halt housing development on Lincoln University Farm along Springs Road. Advocacy for maintaining productive rural areas around Tancreds Road.

Concern about urban sprawl impacting natural resources, particularly the need to protect soils and nearby rivers from subdivision pressure (Earlsbrook Subdivision, Lincoln South). Emphasis on long-term food security and environmental resilience.

The rural land north and east of Lincoln is highlighted for its research and agricultural use, suggesting importance not only for farming but also potentially for agricultural research and development.

### **Prebbleton Kakaha Park**



Kakaha Park was consistently highlighted as a "fantastic destination asset" and received widespread appreciation from the community. However, despite this positive reception, feedback indicated practical improvements were needed, particularly regarding accessibility to drinking water. Multiple respondents requested additional drinking fountains near accessways and the dog park area. One specific comment exemplified this need: "Can we please have additional drinking water points added to the sports fields?" This feedback suggests that while the park's overall design meets community expectations, these functional amenities would enhance user experience, particularly for active recreationists and dog owners.

#### **Prebbleton Nature Reserve**

The Prebbleton Nature Reserve generated significant community interest, with feedback focused on expansion and diversification of its offerings. Residents expressed desire for the addition of woodland play areas that would create more engaging experiences for multiple user groups. The suggestions indicated community recognition of the reserve's potential to serve broader recreational purposes while maintaining its natural character, with particular emphasis on creating spaces that appeal to families and children whilst preserving ecological values.

#### **Prebbleton Reserve**

Feedback regarding Prebbleton Reserve centred around facility upgrades, with particular emphasis on playground enhancements and the addition of water play features. These requests align with trends seen across other communities in the district, highlighting consistent desire for interactive water elements in recreational spaces. The community views these improvements as essential to maintaining the reserve's relevance and appeal for younger residents and families.

#### **Green Space Preservation**

A general desire to maintain green space emerged as a significant theme, with particular emphasis on preserving natural areas along the river. One notable proposal outlined the creation of a comprehensive green beltway stretching west of Prebbleton, beginning at the Prebbleton Nature Park and extending towards Shands Road. This proposal reflects the community's strategic thinking about connected green infrastructure rather than isolated parks, suggesting interest in creating wildlife corridors and extended recreational pathways that provide both ecological and community benefits.

#### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

Water features received specific attention, with feedback regarding the stream at Prebbleton Domain including a straightforward request to "Improve stream for paddling." This suggests community interest in enhancing existing natural water features for recreational purposes, particularly activities that allow for direct engagement with water in a safe, controlled environment.

#### **Tai Tapu**

Need for facilities to serve a broader catchment including Lincoln and Halswell.

Two separate comments proposed the development of an 18-hole golf course in the Lincoln–Tai Tapu corridor, citing both recreation and mental health benefits. Tai Tapu Domain recommended for an improved playground and pump track for bikes and scooters.

Suggestion for public access to Otahuna Reserve and increased walking trails on the Port Hills, linking Old Tai Tapu Road, Holmeswood Rise to Summit Road. The river walk behind the church is very popular, connecting the village to the Domain Entrance. Call for retaining green space and extending Rhodes Park into the surrounding area, especially south of Tai Tapu Domain.

#### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

Near Rhodes Road, community feedback identified areas that frequently flood, with residents suggesting these locations are "more suited to reverting to wetland" than housing development. This practical assessment acknowledges natural water patterns and suggests working with, rather than against, existing hydrology. Along Tai Tapu Road near the Church, there were calls to "Keep going river restoration and support peri-urban food production," indicating support for both ecological restoration and local food systems in appropriate riparian areas.

### **Trees & Forests**

Tree planting featured in community feedback, with specific requests for "Native planting" on the east side of Michaels Road. A more detailed vision emerged for the east of Tai Tapu, at the corner of old Tai Tapu Road and Michaels Road, where residents expressed desire for a thoughtful mix of native planting alongside community fruit trees, balancing ecological restoration with productive landscaping that provides community benefits.

### **Landscapes**

Preserving rural identity and scenic qualities emerged as a priority, particularly through calls to retain the green belt that separates townships. Feedback along Christchurch Akaroa Road specifically noted the potential tourism benefits of maintaining these distinct rural boundaries, suggesting that landscape preservation has both community identity and economic development implications.

### **West Melton**

Playground facilities in West Melton received attention, with specific desires for an improved and larger playground at Westview Reserve. This local focus on recreational infrastructure for families complements broader feedback about green space preservation, where residents expressed general interest in retaining and enhancing local green spaces throughout the area.

Connectivity featured prominently in West Melton feedback, with requests for improved connections between parks and green spaces. The community also expressed desire for more nature walks and bike paths, indicating interest in both recreational and active transport networks that link green spaces.

Tree species selection was highlighted as an area for improvement, with one specific comment asking: "Can more native trees be planted? Only groundcover and exotics are going in now" at Panama Crescent, suggesting a community preference for indigenous vegetation over introduced species.

### **Springston**

Parks, reserves and open spaces received limited specific feedback from Springston, though the community was mentioned as part of the desired catchment for larger district parks and recreational developments. One clear request emerged to retain the open spaces around the perimeter of the existing township, suggesting a desire to maintain Springston's current settlement pattern and rural-urban interface.

#### **Parks, Reserves & Open Spaces**

Strategic connectivity emerged as a theme with suggestions for a green corridor or pathway network between Rolleston and Lincoln. Subdivision areas, including Camborne Road Faringdon and the south side of Selwyn Road, were identified as needing more trees, shade, and child-friendly infrastructure. There was strong sentiment about keeping rural land between Rolleston, Lincoln, and Prebbleton free from housing development, with emphasis on preserving the rural zoning and enhancing drainage systems. A visionary proposal called for development of a botanical garden through the Lincoln wetlands extending to the sewage pond area.

### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

River walkways featured prominently in suggestions, with specific locations identified for potential development. At Yars Lagoon, residents envisioned a "Park with walks along the river." East of Selwyn Huts, a similar concept was proposed with a "Park with walks along the river to lake." At Poplar Lane, the simpler request for a "Walk along the river" reflected consistent community interest in riverside recreational paths.

### **Soils**

The rural land between Rolleston and Lincoln received attention for its agricultural value, with feedback identifying this area as important agricultural land. This recognition indicates community awareness of its role in supporting farming activities and maintaining the rural landscape character between these two growing townships, suggesting that soil quality and agricultural productivity are valued alongside recreational space.

## **2.4.2. Malvern**

### **Darfield**

#### **Trees/notable trees/forests**

More trees for shade and protection: "More trees! This area needs more shade for people when enjoying the space."

Blossom trees in spring: "Love this area - the blossom trees are great in spring." Native plantings: "More native plantings."

Food Forest Concept: "Food Forest" at Clinton St, Darfield.

#### **Parks, reserves and open spaces**

Residents in Darfield are seeking more diverse recreational options, particularly in new subdivisions like Rylands, Telegraph Road, and Darfield Estates. There is a strong desire for improved playground facilities, including more swings per set and playgrounds catering to different age groups. Requests for challenging recreational facilities such as a trampoline park and full-size basketball court have also emerged. Additionally, residents are calling for dog-friendly areas, green spaces for off-leash dogs, and accessible open spaces for all abilities. A specific suggestion for Kersey Park is to plant native trees like Yaldhurst Bush. Positive feedback has also been received for the Fairy Forest at McHugh's Forest, with one comment noting it as "really good".

### **Glentunnel and Coalgate**

#### **Trees/notable trees/forests**

Feedback from Glentunnel and Coalgate focuses on playground upgrades, with multiple requests for more swings and equipment for older children, such as a flying fox in Coalgate. Residents have expressed frustration with the lack of advanced play equipment for older children and teenagers. Comments also highlight challenges with the Glentunnel and Whitecliffs Domains, which are mainly used as campgrounds, reducing their availability for local recreation. There is a desire for concrete roller-skating areas, covered picnic spaces, and better maintenance of parks. One resident compared local parks to those in Rolleston, stating that they are "not as well equipped and maintained." A significant concern is the dual use of green spaces, particularly in the Whitecliffs Domain, where residents lose access in summer due to camping. There's also a call for a larger park in Glentunnel, as current spaces are seen as inadequate.

#### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

Water quality concerns emerged as a significant issue for residents, with multiple comments emphasising the poor condition of the Selwyn River at Glentunnel Domain and Riversleigh Road. Feedback highlighted that these waterways have become unsafe for swimming due to algae

proliferation and nutrient runoff from surrounding land uses. One particularly alarming comment underscored the severity of the situation: "Swimming in the river is no longer possible with algae and poor water quality. People still do and a lot end up in hospital."

The historical significance of these swimming areas was emphasised in resident feedback, with one comment noting that "Nutrient runoff has stopped swimming at places like Glentunnel, which was once famous for it." This observation highlights the cultural loss experienced when previously treasured recreational sites become unusable, demonstrating how environmental degradation impacts community traditions and recreational heritage.

Residents proposed constructive solutions, with several suggesting river restoration projects to address these issues. One specific suggestion for the LII River proposed: "Restoration on LII river—riparian corridor. Kayak trail?"

Similar concerns were expressed regarding the Selwyn River near Coalgate, particularly around Glentunnel Domain, with residents demonstrating awareness of the relationship between land management practices and river health. Additional water quality issues were identified along the Selwyn River North Branch from Whitecliffs past Coalgate, with explicit mentions that the water is not safe enough for swimming.

Concerns regarding flooding and unstable land near the Selwyn River and Whitecliffs are highlighted. The community suggests that land in this area, particularly between the houses and the river, should not be developed further due to drainage issues and marshy conditions. Instead, it should be planted out with native trees and wetlands to stabilize the land and prevent flooding. Similarly, in Whitecliffs, there is feedback that houses are unsuitable for certain areas due to drainage and stability issues, again proposing that the land be used for native trees and wetlands instead.

#### **Trees/notable trees/forests**

There was a notable request for native tree planting in Glentunnel to further enhance the town's natural environment. A comment captured this well: "Keen on more native planting throughout the town". The focus on preserving natural landscapes was also highlighted, with residents encouraging the use of native trees to maintain and protect the area's environment.

#### **Springfield and Castle Hill**

##### **Parks, Reserves & Open Spaces**

In Springfield, community feedback highlighted specific facility improvements, with residents requesting additions such as a pump track, community garden, and public BBQ facilities. Maintenance concerns were also raised, with one resident noting that "trees were removed and got overgrown," suggesting issues with ongoing care of existing green spaces. While appreciation was expressed for the current bike track and pump track, there were also calls for dedicated sporting fields, particularly for cricket and netball, indicating desire for more structured recreational spaces alongside informal activity areas.

Castle Hill residents provided positive feedback regarding existing facilities, particularly the playground, pump track, and tennis court. The tennis court received specific praise as being "great and perfect for learning to ride a bike," highlighting how recreational spaces often serve multiple purposes beyond their primary function. Requests from this community focused on improving wayfinding through better signage and maps for walking and biking routes, with particular emphasis on enhancing information about Department of Conservation trails and activities. There was also expressed interest in developing additional mountain biking trails to expand recreational opportunities.

The Castle Hill Trails received considerable attention in feedback, with residents emphasising their value as a recreational asset. Comments came from various locations including the Castle Hill Golf Course, north of Castle Hill village, and areas west and south of Castle Hill Village. One representative comment noted: "Love the trails and serenity. Great options for biking and walking," indicating appreciation for both the physical infrastructure and the peaceful atmosphere these areas provide.

The Castle Hill Rocks area was specifically identified for its international significance as a bouldering location, with feedback noting it as an "Internationally significant bouldering location." This recognition underscores the area's importance not just for local recreation but as a destination attracting visitors with specialist outdoor interests.

### **Landscapes**

Castle Hill feedback demonstrated strong community attachment to existing recreational features, with particular emphasis on their retention and maintenance. One comment highlighted the value of an "amazing toboggan slope/water slide" with a specific request that it be "retained and maintained." Additionally, residents expressed desire for proper landscaping in new subdivisions, particularly around sensitive wetland areas, to ensure these developments remain well-maintained and environmentally appropriate.

Consistent praise for trails and the serene atmosphere emerged from Castle Hill feedback, with residents and visitors highlighting excellent options for both biking and walking across several locations. The area opposite SH73 from Castle Hill Village received recognition for its trails, offering peaceful and scenic routes. The Castle Hill Golf Course was noted not only for its primary sporting function but also for its trails and tranquil atmosphere, providing valuable walking and biking experiences. Similarly, areas north, west and south of Castle Hill Village were appreciated for their trail networks and peaceful environment, collectively contributing to the area's reputation for quality outdoor recreation.

### **Soils**

Multiple residents expressed deep appreciation for the quality of recreational experiences enabled by the local environment. The trails and overall serenity of the area were repeatedly mentioned as creating ideal conditions for biking and walking. As one representative comment stated: "Love the trails and serenity. Great options for biking and walking," with this sentiment echoed across various locations near Castle Hill, including the golf course and areas north of the village.

### **Rivers, Streams & Lakes**

Springfield residents raised concerns about water quality in local streams, noting that poor conditions have made swimming and other water activities less desirable. One specific comment mentioned that "The stream at Prebbleton Domain could use improvement for paddling," reflecting community desire for enhanced waterways suitable for light recreational activities such as paddling or wading.

Castle Hill residents expressed significant concerns about Lake Lyndon's condition, noting that swimming is no longer safe due to algae and contamination issues. A particularly strong comment highlighted that "Dogs are a massive issue around the lake, especially with breeding Grebes and natives. They should be banned." This feedback demonstrates community commitment to preserving the lake's ecological health and protecting native wildlife, suggesting support for stronger regulatory measures to maintain water quality and habitat protection in this sensitive area.

### **Trees/notable trees/forests**

In Castle Hill, there was a specific call to retain the larch trees around the Village Green, as they provide valuable shade and shelter, especially during the summer months. One comment emphasised: "Keep remaining larches around Village Green as exception to Reserve Management Plan. They provide shelter and shade, especially in summer."

#### **Whitecliffs**

In Whitecliffs, there was a similar call for increasing native plantings. A resident stated, "The Whitecliffs natural environment is a giant plus, and we do a lot of native plantings with Trees for Canterbury. Council could fund more planting." This indicates strong community support for local environmental initiatives and the use of native trees to preserve the area's unique character.

#### **Lake Lyndon**

A common theme in the feedback was the importance of protecting environmentally sensitive areas. At Lake Lyndon, residents raised concerns about uncontrolled dogs disturbing native wildlife, especially breeding Grebes. One comment specifically called for a ban on dogs around the lake, emphasizing the community's strong support for conservation.

#### **Lake Coleridge:**

##### **Soils**

The comments also touch on the need to preserve soil health and enhance water conservation efforts in areas like Lake Coleridge, where environmental sustainability is a key concern. This includes making sure that land and water systems are protected to maintain long-term ecological health.

##### **Landscapes**

The landscape surrounding Lake Coleridge Village emerged as an area of exceptional concern for residents, who consistently emphasised its remarkable aesthetic value and ecological significance. Multiple comments highlighted the area's outstanding natural beauty, with one resident directly stating: "The area around Lake Coleridge village is exceptionally beautiful and needs to be protected from further development." This sentiment reflects a strong community desire to preserve the environmental integrity of this distinctive landscape.

The recreational significance of Lake Coleridge featured prominently in feedback, with residents emphasising both its intrinsic natural value and its importance as a tourism asset. As one comment noted: "This is a recreational area and needs to be protected for the reasons people came to visit," highlighting the connection between landscape preservation and visitor experience. Another resident simply but powerfully observed that "Environment and climate is a big concern," indicating awareness of broader ecological considerations beyond immediate aesthetic value.

Support for maintaining open spaces extended beyond the immediate lake area to include strategic green belts. One specific comment regarding the Christchurch-Akaroa Road in Tai Tapu urged planners to "Retain Green belt to Motukarara for tourism and separate townships," demonstrating recognition of how green spaces serve multiple functions—preserving distinct community identities whilst supporting tourism opportunities. The sentiment that "The area around L.C village is exceptionally beautiful and needs to be protected from further development" was reiterated, reinforcing the strength of community feeling about this landscape.

Climate concerns and environmental degradation were specifically linked to Lake Coleridge in resident feedback, with planting suggested as a practical mitigation measure. This indicates community awareness of the relationship between vegetation, climate resilience, and landscape quality, suggesting support for nature-based solutions to environmental challenges in this cherished area.

##### **Soils**

The comments also touch on the need to preserve soil health and enhance water conservation efforts in areas like Lake Coleridge, where environmental sustainability is a key concern. This includes making sure that land and water systems are protected to maintain long-term ecological health.

### 2.4.3. Ellesmere

#### **Leeston**

##### **Parks, Reserves & Open Spaces**

Feedback from Leeston residents consistently emphasised the need for enhanced connectivity between green spaces, with particular focus on improved nature walks and biking paths throughout the area. Comments highlighted the importance of accessible and interconnected green spaces, with a notable proposal for a connected walkway circling Leeston that would link various parks and green areas, creating a more cohesive natural environment for residents and visitors alike.

Leeston Reserve featured prominently in community feedback, being mentioned repeatedly as a valued green space requiring enhancement. Tree planting emerged as a significant priority, with multiple residents specifically requesting additional trees for practical and aesthetic purposes. As one resident noted: "More trees at the reserve for shade and a nice place to walk through," highlighting both the comfort and experiential benefits of increased tree cover. Another comment urged planners to "Don't just provide large, grassed areas, but plant them with natives," reflecting a preference for ecologically appropriate vegetation over simple open lawns.

The feedback demonstrated thoughtful consideration of how private properties contribute to Leeston's overall character, with one comment recognising that "The larger properties are able to grow trees on their properties which contribute to the overall neighbourhood feel." This observation acknowledges the interdependence between public and private green spaces in creating the town's atmosphere.

Development standards also featured in community concerns, particularly regarding new subdivisions. A specific comment from the area encompassing Lunn Crescent, Martini Avenue and Collisson Street urged "More responsibility on developers to provide outdoor spaces and plantings within the subdivision," suggesting that residents expect higher standards for green infrastructure in new developments rather than relying solely on council-managed spaces.

##### **Rivers/streams/lakes**

A major point of interest in Leeston is the desire for a river walk that allows both children and adults to enjoy nature. The LII River riparian corridor is also highlighted for potential restoration, with suggestions for the development of a kayak trail to enhance recreational use of the area. In addition to the LII River, residents are calling for access to Birdlings Brook, west of Leeston, where a community project could help plant and beautify the area, creating more opportunities for nature walks. One commenter also noted the need for more forest and lakes at Leeston Reserve.

**Te Waihora:** The western end of Te Waihora is mentioned as a potential location for a jet ski area and course. There is also a call to restore Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora) from a "polluted waste" to a usable lake.

##### **Trees/notable trees/forests**

Two comments suggest the creation of a little forest to allow both children and adults to enjoy nature in Leeston. The proposed locations for this forest are the Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds, next to the dog park along Leeston Road, and South of Station Street through to the sewage pond. These suggestions highlight a desire to integrate more natural spaces for recreation and environmental enjoyment within the town. Multiple comments asking for more trees for shade, native planting instead of plain grass at the Leeston Reserve. There were also comments about the properties around Friars Lane and how the large properties contribute positively to the neighbourhood tree

canopy. In the newer parts of Leeston, Lunn Cres, Martini Ave & Collisson St, there was a call for greater developer responsibility in providing green spaces and tree planting in subdivisions.

#### **Landscapes**

A request was made for a planting plan, created four years ago, for the Irwell River (from north of Leeston Road through to the lake) to be made publicly available.

#### **Southbridge, Doyleston, Dunsandel and rural surrounds**

##### **Parks/reserves/open spaces**

Feedback from Southbridge was limited, but it was included in broader regional comments about the importance of maintaining open green areas for recreation and family use and interest in preserving natural character and avoiding over-development.

##### **Rivers/streams/lakes**

No specific river, stream or lake comments were recorded.

##### **Trees/notable trees/forests**

No specific trees, notable trees or forests comments were recorded.

##### **Landscapes**

No specific landscapes comments were recorded.

##### **Soils**

No specific soils comments were recorded.

## **2.5. People and Communities**

<b>Feedback Type</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Polygons</b>	<b>Lines</b>	<b>Total</b>
Feedback with comments	413	38	16	467
Unmarked feedback	9	1	1	11

<b>Comment's Subtopic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Council facilities	261
Private facilities	45
Schools	39
Healthcare	29
Unassigned	104

Across Waikirikiri Selwyn communities are passionate about the quality of life and vibrancy of their local areas, and there is clear and consistent feedback calling for stronger investment in facilities and services. People want better access to the spaces, services and experiences that allow them to connect, learn, be active, and feel supported. Feedback strongly emphasised that these amenities should be well distributed across the district and not just concentrated in Rolleston, and designed with accessibility, affordability, and family-friendliness in mind reflective of the unique needs of their township.

There is a significant desire for better access to both council-provided and private facilities across all townships. People want to see more things to do, especially for young people and families, including



more indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment spaces, cultural venues, and places to hang out. From pump tracks, play equipment, splash pads to theatres and performance spaces, communities are asking for more ways to be engaged locally. Affordability and low-cost entry for pools, programmes and booking of facilities featured prominently. Te ao Māori and te reo Māori integration also featured in feedback, with calls for deeper cultural representation in place-making and planning.

There was widespread concern about the availability and suitability of essential services such as schools and healthcare. People want easier access to general practitioners, after-hours medical care, and health services such as blood tests closer to home. Similarly, calls for better schooling options including new schools and capacity increases featured prominently, especially in Eastern Selwyn.

### 2.5.1. Eastern Selwyn

Feedback from the Eastern Selwyn Area showed strong community interest in better access to council and private facilities, more localised services, and a greater diversity of activities. Rolleston received the most comments, with particular focus on aquatic and recreational assets where there was a clear appetite for additional indoor and outdoor pools, splash pads, hot pools, a wave pool, and features like hydro slides and lazy rivers. Suggestions for other facilities such as a theatre, performance space, indoor netball courts, and even a public ice-skating rink were raised, as were concerns around population growth pressures and overcrowding. There were a large number of requests for improved medical services, availability of local GPs and a 24-hour medical centre. Lincoln attracted a lot of attention for its need for a local swimming pool and more youth-focused recreation assets like pump tracks and mountain biking trails. People also wanted a second high school in Lincoln and better medical services. Prebbleton and West Melton had recurring mentions for the need for their own community spaces, libraries, and schooling improvements, while Tai Tapu feedback focused on local access to GPs and maintaining library funding. Across the Eastern Selwyn townships, there was a strong desire for community hubs, shared spaces, and youth-focused programming, alongside improved healthcare and education access.

#### **Council Facilities**

There was a strong desire for enhanced and expanded community facilities to counter concerns around population growth and pressure on existing spaces, calling for more investment that caters to the area's rapid population growth. Feedback raised that overcrowding was putting people off going to facilities.

Popular requests included a performing arts theatre/auditorium or events/conference centre in Rolleston, which could also accommodate wider functions such as a cinema. Calls for aquatic improvements were very strong, with residents asking for additional indoor and outdoor pool facilities in Rolleston, including features like hydro slides, splash pads, hot pools, lazy river and wave pools. The desire for an indoor aquatic centre in Lincoln came through very strongly and has wide support at either Lincoln University or the Lincoln Events Centre.

Communities called for upgraded or new playgrounds with features for older children and water play, more pump and bike tracks (particularly in Lincoln), toilets at reserves and popular spaces, and expanded indoor sporting facilities, such as netball courts and indoor sports courts. A public ice-skating rink in Rolleston was suggested.

Spaces for community groups were also a recurring theme with support for halls, gardens, clubrooms, and other venues that enable a diverse range of groups to meet, run programs, and host

events. Specific support was expressed for a hall in Prebbleton and more community group infrastructure in West Melton. Informal spaces to hang out, socialise and to bring people together were well requested, especially in halls without needing to make a booking. Supporting community groups such as Scouts, Guides, Clubs and Music Groups in Council facilities and making land available was recommended.

While Lincoln's library was seen positively, people suggested it needs more space. Te Ara Ātea in Rolleston was widely appreciated, but overcrowded, and additional library provision was requested for West Melton, and continued support was called for a Tai Tapu library service. The West Melton Rifle Range Noise Contour was also raised.

#### **Private Facilities**

There was a desire for private facilities that support both community connection and lifestyle. Requests included a retirement village in Rolleston, provision for religious spaces, and family entertainment venues such as a trampoline park.

#### **Schools**

Education and its accessibility, provision and overcrowding and corresponding investment by central government featured strongly in feedback. There were repeated calls for additional high schools in both Rolleston and Lincoln, and in townships across the Eastern Selwyn, together with increased investment at existing to counter overcrowding. More choice of schooling options was raised, with a specific comment for private schooling like St Margaret's.

#### **Healthcare**

Access to healthcare as an essential service was a significant concern, with residents asking for more GPs and health services across most townships, not just in Rolleston. There was strong support for the introduction of a 24-hour medical facility in Rolleston, along with suggestions for blood testing services and an urgent-care-style facility that could assist with injuries and diagnostics like X-Ray without needing to travel to Christchurch. There was also one comment requesting a hospital in Rolleston. Feedback also included the idea of coordinated planning between local and central government agencies to better meet community health needs.

### **2.5.2. Malvern**

Commentary from the Malvern Area reflected a sense of geographic isolation from Rolleston, with community members from Darfield, Glentunnel, Springfield, Castle Hill, Whitecliffs, and Lake Coleridge raising concerns about affordability, inability to travel to Rolleston and the need for better local access to facilities. There was a strong theme around the concentration of amenities in Rolleston and the burden that it places on residents who face high fuel costs and long travel times, with many financially unable to drive to Rolleston. Darfield stood out as a focus point, with calls for upgrades to its unsuitable aquatic centre, more community programming, an expanded library, and a new gym or sports centre. The need for school growth and healthcare access in Darfield was also prominent. Glentunnel and other high-country townships voiced significant frustration over hall access, lack of youth facilities, and the unavailability of swimming lessons. There were recurring suggestions for better use of halls with more flexible pricing and licensing, and requests for structured council-run activities in remote areas.

#### **Council Facilities**

There was a high level of frustration about having to travel long distances, especially to Rolleston for access to quality community facilities, or that are only located in Rolleston. The high cost of petrol

was frequently mentioned as a barrier, and there is strong support for better distribution of amenities across the district.

There were multiple requests for aquatic upgrades in Darfield where the pool is regarded as unsuitable, including a larger and all-year-round swimming pool. Communities also called for more local things for children and teenagers to do, including council-run activities and events in both Darfield and high-country communities. Suggestions included summer markets, concerts, fireworks, and pop-up programming in community halls.

Recreation and sporting needs were also a major theme. Requests included a sports centre and gym in Darfield, indoor courts in Springfield, and better biking facilities in Darfield. The Edge Connector Van, council-run hall activities and council staff were praised, particularly in the high country. The availability of halls which could be used for sports, but the financial inability to pay to book these spaces was seen as a major issue.

The use and accessibility of halls in high country townships came under widespread scrutiny. Residents shared concerns about high hire and booking deposit costs (e.g. \$300 deposit for some hall bookings), restrictive licensing rules, and limited connection or access. There were also comments about youth being unable to travel to the Rolleston Youth Hub, and some communities (Glentunnel) resorting to repurposing garages as a hall alternative or building their own halls (Whitecliffs). More programming like exercise classes was requested.

Other specific requests included more toilets with improved servicing in high country villages and an art gallery in Castle Hill. There was one comment questioning the location of the Darfield Library.

#### **Private Facilities**

Protecting valued private assets was important to locals, especially the Darfield Gun Club and the Billiards Club in Lake Coleridge which have significant roles in their communities. There was also strong support for the restoration of the Department of Conservation Visitor Centre at Arthur's Pass.

#### **Schools**

Darfield residents highlighted concerns around the capacity of local schools and the need for future growth planning. The need for a bigger school in Glentunnel was also raised.

#### **Healthcare**

The need for better healthcare access was a strong theme, particularly in Darfield. Calls were made for more GPs and health services that are easy to access locally, reducing reliance on Christchurch based services. There was a comment asking to see the Darfield Hospital modernised with a commitment to retain elder and maternity services.

### **2.5.3. Ellesmere**

Feedback from the Ellesmere Area highlighted Leeston, Southbridge, and surrounding settlements as proud communities with strong identities, but in need of better access to services and upgraded facilities. Leeston emerged as a hub for community comments, especially around recreational and aquatic needs—locals expressed a desire for an upgraded indoor all-weather swimming pool, better skate park and playground infrastructure, and more events and youth activities. Access to healthcare was another concern, with many noting that Leeston's services were insufficient to meet growing demand. Southbridge commentary focused heavily on the importance of local identity and resilience, with specific calls to retain and upgrade the local pool and improve rugby club and medical facilities so the township isn't reliant on Leeston. Suggestions were also made to help fund local sporting and

shooting facilities. A recurring theme across the area was the desire for more community events and easier access to council-run spaces and programming. Residents are eager for Leeston and Southbridge to retain their character while becoming more self-sufficient and better equipped to support growing families and older populations.

#### **Council Facilities**

Feedback focused on improving and expanding the facilities available in Leeston and surrounding townships such as Southbridge. The Southbridge Pool received positive mention, but there were multiple calls for an improved indoor all-weather pool in Leeston highlighting demand for year-round swimming opportunities they otherwise have to travel to Rolleston to access.

People asked for more and better playgrounds for all ages, reserve upgrades with essential amenities like bins, water fountains and toilets, and enhanced bike and skate park facilities, particularly in Leeston. There were concerns about how hard it is to book council facilities and a desire for easier, more affordable access.

A recurring theme was the desire for more free things to do and community-led events that support local connection and entertainment.

#### **Private Facilities**

Private recreational infrastructure was seen as needing support to keep pace with population growth. Southbridge's rugby club facilities were mentioned as being no longer fit for purpose, and there were calls for council assistance in upgrading assets like rugby clubrooms and the rifle range in Leeston. Entertainment venues such as trampoline parks or bowling alleys were also suggested.

#### **Schools**

There was only one comment, saying there are good schools in Leeston. There was a suggestion for the community to be able to use the new facilities at the rebuilt Ellesmere College after school hours.

#### **Healthcare**

Healthcare access was a major concern. Southbridge residents do not want to be solely reliant on Leeston for medical needs, and Leeston itself is seen as needing better healthcare services. The rebuild and expansion of Ellesmere Hospital was a strongly supported idea, with residents noting that it must grow to meet current and future demand.

## **2.6. Our Infrastructure**

<b>Feedback Type</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Polygons</b>	<b>Lines</b>	<b>Total</b>
Feedback with comments	97	12	28	85
Unmarked feedback	7	1	1	56

<b>Comment's Subtopic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Water/Pipes	44
Waste	20
Wifi/Internet	11
Emergency services	10
Quarries/mines	3
Airports/Aerodromes	1

Military/Defence	1
Unassigned	56

Community feedback across Waikirikiri Selwyn indicates people want reliable and resilient infrastructure services with a strong interest in future-proofing the district's infrastructure, particularly to keep pace with the growth of urban areas and protect the well-being and sustainability of smaller rural townships. Comments covered a broad range of concerns and aspirations, with a consistent call for reliable water systems, better stormwater management, resilient wastewater networks, and robust internet and telecommunications access. Many residents shared views about core service delivery and long-term planning, expressing concern that existing systems in some areas are already under pressure. Others pointed to positive developments—particularly in larger townships—while calling for equity in infrastructure delivery across the district, especially in smaller and more rural communities.

Feedback also highlighted the desire for proactive investment in waste management, including support for green waste and soft plastics recycling. Emergency services infrastructure was another common theme, with widespread support for planned upgrades in Rolleston and strong advocacy for improved local response capabilities in more remote townships. From water pipes in Weedons to broadband speeds in Rolleston and kerb-and-channel in Whitecliffs, residents consistently reinforced the view that infrastructure is foundational to wellbeing, safety, and quality of life in Selwyn.

Concerns were especially focused on core infrastructure like stormwater, wastewater, and potable water supply, with both urban and rural communities wanting upgrades that are proactive, not reactive. Feedback suggests residents would like infrastructure that supports community character and environmental resilience, especially in the face of climate risks. In parallel, better telecommunications, power, and emergency service capacity were common themes, especially in isolated or growing areas. Feedback around waste focused on expanding recycling options and dealing with localised pressure points such as Castle Hill Village and Rolleston.

Townships in Eastern Selwyn were concerned about water supply and flooding in Prebbleton and Rolleston, as well as ensuring future-proofed emergency services. In Malvern, the needs of alpine and remote communities like Arthur's Pass and Castle Hill were highlighted, particularly regarding stormwater, waste, and telecommunications. In Ellesmere, investment in stormwater, wastewater, and mobile coverage was a recurring topic. Across the board, there is a desire for fair, affordable, and fit-for-purpose infrastructure to serve communities both now and into the future.

### 2.6.1. Eastern Selwyn

Feedback reflected a strong focus on the growing infrastructure demands created by urban development in key townships such as Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, and Tai Tapu. Lincoln was widely praised for its existing infrastructure, particularly water services, but there were also calls for ongoing investment to maintain this standard, especially in telecommunications and emergency services. Prebbleton and Rolleston raised specific issues around flooding and stormwater capacity, which are becoming more acute as these townships expand. Tai Tapu and Ladbrooks voiced concerns about both aging infrastructure and poor digital connectivity, highlighting the need for upgrades to support community resilience and quality of life.

Rolleston was particularly prominent in feedback, with residents seeking reassurance that growth will be matched by water, stormwater, and emergency infrastructure investment. Residents also strongly supported the development of a future Emergency Services Campus in Rolleston. Smaller communities such as Weedons also signalled their infrastructure needs, including water and

wastewater connections. Shared connections from Rolleston to other parts of the District was recommended.

Overall, Eastern Selwyn's feedback signals the importance of keeping ahead of growth pressures, investing in digital connectivity, addressing stormwater and drainage issues in a changing climate, and ensuring emergency services can respond effectively in expanding urban centres.

#### **Water/Pipes**

Infrastructure in Lincoln was often described as being good, with particular support for how the "5 Waters" framework is working there. However, the broader network faces challenges. Rolleston residents raised concerns around water pressure during peak times and the need for better drainage to prevent localised flooding, particularly in newer developments like Bronte Way. Prebbleton experiences similar drainage issues, which are viewed as ongoing and unresolved. In smaller settlements, specific gaps were noted – Waihora Reserve, for example, lacks potable water and requires system upgrades. The extension of town water and sewer services was supported in Weedons and along Maddisons Road, while Tai Tapu residents asked for better upkeep of their water systems.

#### **Waste**

The quality of waste and recycling infrastructure varied across the area. Rolleston's Pines Resource Recovery Park and its ReDiscover Hub were frequently celebrated, though some residents wanted to see expanded recycling options for items such as soft plastics and UHT containers. In Lincoln, there was a request to install bins near the wetlands to reduce littering – particularly dog waste – which is currently being left in surrounding bushes.

#### **Wi-Fi/Internet/Telecommunications/Electricity:**

Digital connectivity and utilities were a clear concern in parts of Eastern Selwyn. While Lincoln is generally well serviced in terms of core infrastructure, many respondents reported that telecommunications services need significant improvement. In Rolleston, there were growing frustrations over declining internet speeds, attributed to the increasing number of homes. Ladbroke was described as lacking basic cell phone and internet coverage, with only partial fibre reaching the school. Prebbleton residents also expressed a desire to see upgrades to street lighting that better reflect the area's historic character.

#### **Quarries/Mines**

There was one comment proposing a quarry east of Tai Tapu accompanied by a surrounding infrastructure zone.

#### **Emergency Services**

Feedback reflected strong support for enhancing emergency services, particularly in rapidly growing areas. Lincoln was identified as needing its own ambulance station, ideally with a helicopter landing pad. Rolleston was identified as the proposed site for a future Emergency Services Campus at Helpet Park, which would house a 24-hour fire station, police station, and St John Ambulance station. There was comment that the existing St John facility and the former rural fire authority shed should be the location.

### **2.6.2. Malvern**

Feedback reflected the diverse needs of its varied communities, with water supply and wastewater systems dominating discussion. Concerns were raised about both capacity and quality, from support for expanding reticulated systems in Darfield, to opposition to water chlorination in remote villages like Lake Coleridge and Arthurs Pass. Flooding issues in Hororata and Whitecliffs and a lack of fire

infrastructure in Arthurs Pass highlighted vulnerability to natural hazards. Waste management, connectivity, and power infrastructure also attracted comment, particularly around gaps in green waste service provision and frustrations with visitor impacts. Quarry activity and the implications of cross-boundary planning decisions drew attention, alongside isolated concerns around emergency response capacity in Lake Coleridge Village.

#### **Water/Pipes**

Water infrastructure across Malvern was a dominant theme, with varying levels of concern depending on the township. In Darfield, there was support for the reticulated wastewater network recently installed and to expand this to new proposed subdivisions such as the Landsborough subdivision. Hororata and Whitecliffs, however, face regular flooding due to a lack of kerb and channel systems, with culverts frequently overwhelmed. Lake Coleridge Village and Arthurs Pass Village residents voiced strong opposition to water chlorination and fluoridation, preferring independent local systems that were considered adequate before treatment regulations were introduced. The Lake Coleridge Village reticulated sewer system is reportedly at capacity. At Arthurs Pass Village, residents called for more fire hydrants and noted that the temporary tank farms for water storage should be replaced by a larger, more efficient system that would allow the local grassed area to return to community use. The septic system in Arthurs Pass Village was raised as a concern. There was a comment in Sheffield that the infrastructure isn't enough to support a growing community and 70 new houses to be developed.

#### **Waste**

More bins and a recycling station were requested in Darfield. Castle Hill Village residents raised the need for green waste disposal options or at least seasonal access to a mulcher. The dump station in Castle Hill Village also requires maintenance. There was also frustration that holidaymakers from the West Coast were bringing their rubbish into Selwyn, prompting calls for better cost recovery.

#### **Wi-Fi/Internet/Telecommunications/Electricity**

Reliable cell phone and internet coverage continues to be inconsistent with some communities like Arthurs Pass Village acknowledging that coverage was about as good as could be expected. The presence of overhead power lines in Arthurs Pass Village were a concern.

#### **Quarries/Mines**

Quarrying activity raised questions as to why Christchurch City Council zoned land around existing quarry land as highly productive preventing quarries from extending their operations in that area but have been able to purchase land in Selwyn district. There was a comment about studying air quality impacts of quarry on downwind towns.

#### **Emergency Services**

There was one comment highlighting how extreme weather events cause issues when evacuating people in Lake Coleridge Village.

### **2.6.3. Ellesmere**

Feedback reflected a strong desire for affordable, resilient infrastructure that can meet the demands of growth while responding to the increasing risks posed by climate change. Leeston was the focal point of most feedback, with particular attention given to flooding, fire, earthquakes, and tsunami – risks that local residents are keen to see planned for and mitigated through better design and investment.

#### **Water/Pipes**

Feedback emphasised the importance of ensuring that new infrastructure does not increase the risk of flooding or contamination. There were calls to develop systems that prevent contaminants from reaching surface and groundwater. There were a variety of lines in Dunsandel highlighting the Dunsandel - Pines Wastewater Pressure Pipe and wastewater gravity mains across Dunsandel. There was also a suggestion to connect Dunsandel to the stormwater/wastewater network.

#### **Waste**

There was a comment requesting green waste bins/services in Dunsandel.

#### **Wi-Fi/Internet/Telecommunications/Electricity**

There was one comment requesting a new cell phone tower that is tall enough to reach the Dunsandel area and strong enough to field more than 200 people at once. There was another comment that mentioned “phone tower?”. There was a recommendation for street lighting in the area behind the catholic church in Leeston.

## **Appendix 1**

### *World Café results*

<b>Rolleston Workshop 1</b>	
<b>Key Questions</b>	<b>Community Responses</b>
<b>What are your top three things for improving your town?</b>	Entertainment: For families, teens and things to do 24-hour medical Better and more diverse parks Public transport Commercial mix Amenities close to living Diverse housing Affordability of housing
<b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b>	Public transport (including rail) and cycleways Connectivity MyWay Walk-ability Mixed-use-zones Quality consistent pathways (with places to rest & fountains) Quality, strategically located, convenient
<b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b>	Housing typology, right type & location Housing affordability (ownership models) Housing mechanics/incentives for affordability & typology, and penalties for non-compliance Housing resilience: insulation, heating, cooling, solar



<b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b>	<p>Community: population diversity, multi-generational, friendliness, sense of community, small town/semi-rural feel, manageable population</p> <p>Facilities: outdoor, eateries, Te Ara Atea, activities for children, Foster Park</p> <p>Healthcare &amp; education is good but can be improved</p> <p>Keep accessible to move around, walkable.</p> <p>Convenience</p> <p>Parking in town centre &amp; some wide roads with parking options</p> <p>Green spaces</p>
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<b>West Melton (with Malvern Community Board):</b>	
<b>Key Questions</b>	<b>Community Responses</b>
<b>What are your top three things for improving your town?</b>	<p>Planning and protection for the good things in towns</p> <p>Greater communication between council &amp; towns - allowing submissions</p> <p>Focussed planning: transport between towns; accessibility to medical centres and doctors</p> <p>Green spaces</p> <p>Rural town atmosphere: growth that considers town appeal; transport round towns not through</p> <p>Cycleways</p> <p>Schooling: busses to cater to schoolchildren</p> <p>Schooling services developed: they are all at capacity, pickup spots safer for children - lighting &amp; crossings</p>
<b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b>	<p>Car-based, poor public transport provision: need higher frequency</p> <p>Linkages between towns needed as a life essential for education, health, jobs &amp; facilities</p> <p>Safety: intersection improvements, crossings, footpaths, schools</p> <p>Cycle lane network needed for those who can't drive, young &amp; elderly, strategic in where</p> <p>Cost; Connector roads: not wide enough - all roads and new subdivisions not designed for current traffic volume Investigate rail options - commuter and light rail - Rolleston as the hub</p> <p>Future transport - EVs, self-driving &amp; Lime scooters</p>
<b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b>	<p>Community feel in smaller townships</p> <p>Connecting to the side-by-side townships</p> <p>Collaborate and engage with council? using resources of council, funding piece</p> <p>Infrastructure &amp; network option to run</p> <p>Keeping the smaller townships small: connectivity; retaining heritage</p> <p>Keep rural atmosphere</p> <p>Getting the zoning right - condensing in developed areas &amp; places???</p> <p>Keep farmland protected</p>

	Retaining productive land
<b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b>	<p>The swimming centre</p> <p>How many people?</p> <p>Heritage</p> <p>Plan modelling</p> <p>Mobile/internet</p> <p>Infrastructure: water, sewerage, roads (lighting), rubbish, doctors, communications, transport, retail</p> <p>Affordability</p> <p>Mixed developments</p> <p>Smaller sections (range of housing)</p> <p>First time home buyers</p> <p>Ageing in place</p> <p>Communications for new development</p> <p>Building consents: cost/speed; less red tape, stay in communication</p> <p>Range of housing</p> <p>Demographics - rent!</p> <p>Young – families</p> <p>Ageing – range</p> <p>Social housing? - food banks!</p> <p>Well-planned Green/open space</p> <p>Community gardens</p> <p>Not on productive land</p> <p>Good use of land</p> <p>Planned, not haphazard</p>
<b>What do you see as the role of the rural area surrounding your town, and how do you think this could change in the future?</b>	<p>Don't change it</p> <p>Land use - protecting productive land; food &amp; fibre</p> <p>Rural amenity – protect</p> <p>we need service town</p> <p>Buffer around townships to protect rural productivity</p> <p>Rural area: history, heritage &amp; identity</p> <p>Appropriate facilities in rural towns</p> <p>Interconnectivity between towns</p> <p>"Escape" city life</p> <p>Appropriate public land development - "reserve space"</p> <p>Keeping rates affordable is a priority</p>

<b>Leeston:</b>	
<b>Key Questions</b>	<b>Community Responses</b>
<b>What are your top three things for improving your town?</b>	<p>Council to facilitate community groups</p> <p>Public transport within townships &amp; connecting Selwyn to CHCH.</p> <p>Should be appropriate for each town, accommodating community values and needs</p> <p>Improved housing options: more variation to support different needs, smaller housing close to town centres</p>

	<p>Keeping industrial areas and their growth relevant to communities, avoiding an ad hoc situation</p> <p>Schooling and medical care to support growth: public transport, amenities</p> <p>Town plans: future planning specific to towns will help streamline growth and infrastructure needs, and will help preserve local values and rural town atmosphere</p>
<b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b>	<p>Road widening to accommodate farming equipment</p> <p>Safety - safer cycleways</p> <p>Better linkages between towns</p> <p>Ride Share/MyRide/Transport on demand</p> <p>Currently too car-reliant</p> <p>Trade-off: need transport to meet needs for growth, but many members of the community don't want too much growth</p>
<b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b>	<p>Rural feel/lifestyle/community</p> <p>Open spaces</p> <p>Community groups</p> <p>Not too far, access to environments, amenities &amp; CHCH</p> <p>Good schools</p> <p>Low density housing</p> <p>Good facilities; Celebrating heritage</p> <p>Medical/hospital facilities</p>
<b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b>	<p>Mixed typology - cater for younger home buyers, cater for the elderly by having smaller, more manageable sections</p> <p>Affordability - mixed typology may improve affordability</p> <p>Consenting processes are too difficult &amp; rigid - can't be innovative with building materials</p> <p>Energy-efficient housing: rainwater tanks, solar</p> <p>More thought/planned housing, based on town master plans, and including better subdivision development to reduce parking issues</p>
<b>What do you see as the role of the rural area surrounding your town, and how do you think this could change in the future?</b>	<p>Buffer between towns and rural areas - reverse sensitivity considerations</p> <p>Role of rural area to towns: Food, Amenities/Recreation, Jobs/economic contribution</p> <p>Lifestyle properties - rural residential</p> <p>Leeston a rural town, not another Rolleston - retain rural feel</p> <p>Rural towns as rural towns</p>

<b>Lincoln 1:</b>	
<b>Key Questions</b>	<b>Community Responses</b>
<b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b>	<p>Dedicated ring roads for trucks/services</p> <p>Less cars in town centres, even small towns experiencing congestion</p> <p>Public transport access in towns &amp; between towns</p> <p>On-demand public transport</p>

	Wider footpaths - clear & safe Cycling around - clear & safe Subdivision of living streets
<b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b>	Like the green belt, open spaces & semi-rural feel and don't want it to change, keep the town's identity Housing - larger sections to maintain the rural vibe, mixed typology & housing & shops spread out Safety - infrastructure must match growth & be in place before development Public transport - develop near town centre, not everywhere Public transport - for the elderly - consider stop frequency & trip duration
<b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b>	Avoid housing on productive rural land and limit urban sprawl Promote a mixture of housing types supported by community facilities Improve resilience from climate change and natural hazards by avoiding housing in inappropriate locations Correct the imbalance between central government and local authority control of housing Protect local character
<b>What do you see as the role of the rural area surrounding your town, and how do you think this could change in the future?</b>	Green belts/buffers Lifestyle blocks Keep & protect Recreation – dogs Wetlands – biodiversity Farming – respect Soil qualities Utilise productive land Central developments Prebbleton ring road!
<b>How can the natural environment be integrated into our towns (e.g. public open spaces, reserves, wetlands, trees and protected areas)?</b>	New subdivisions need to have a balance of blue-green areas and housing Protect natural areas; If need to develop around the natural areas, retain & improve the natural areas Integrate natural areas Green belts/Stepping stones Tree canopy/Mixed?

<b>Kirwee (rural focus):</b>	
<b>Key Questions</b>	<b>Community Responses</b>
<b>What are your top three things for improving your town?</b>	Water improvements – quality, remove fluoride, chlorine, and reduce nitrates Flooding and river management – including kerb and channel improvements More community assets such as playgrounds and community gardens Tree planting

<p><b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b></p>	<p>Public transport – improved bus services (including school service) and MyWay (on-demand service like Timaru) or minivan Community Vehicle Trust – expand current service Road safety – intersection upgrades (such as Kirwee), rumble strips, passing lanes, icy road prevention (shelterbelts), and footpath improvements and wider width (including smaller towns) Speed reductions (Kirwee, Sheffield) and better signage Increase road width - in new subdivisions and rural roads (for trucks, milk tankers and tractors) More roads sealed (such as Hoskyns Road) Expanded EV charging Utilise the railway (rail-tram and commuter service) Mixed feelings about bike lanes</p>
<p><b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b></p>	<p>Sense of community and spirit (but need more engagement) Small town feel – quiet, limit migration, growth concerns Proximity to Christchurch (Darfield as a dormitory) Rural environment – rural amenity, fields and open spaces, McHugh's, Dark Sky no light pollution Highly productive land Valuation and rating system needs improvement (needs to be appropriate to rural and urban areas) Development contributions need improvement (a tool to manage growth)</p>
<p><b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b></p>	<p>Initiatives for improved housing quality and efficiency (new materials, heating/cooling, insulation, glazing, healthy homes, solar and rain tanks) Ability to age in place – variety of houses for different life stages Retirement village for the Malvern Area Community housing (work with Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust) Mixed housing typologies – including accessible, revisit granny flat rules Lifestyle block considerations – fire and revisit subdivision rules, educate new residents on life realities in these properties to manage expectations Manage growth - growth paying for growth, more than just 600sqm sections, parking provision, developers' social responsibility, reduce covenants (to suit community and not developer) Risk management/resilience – flooding, earthquakes and extreme weather, compulsory insurance</p>
<p><b>What do you see as the role of the rural area surrounding your town, and how do you think this could change in the future?</b></p>	<p>Green belt – transition and buffer zone, green lungs, amenity and spaces to recreate and connect Rural as primary production – places of employment Agricultural land – consider changing practices Highly Productive Land – a place of agriculture, biodiversity Tree planting – proactive and in berms Reserve sensitivity concerns (mushroom example in Prebbleton) More development? Navigate pollution impacts</p>

	<p>Larger section sizes the further out from towns, with bigger sites as buffers</p> <p>Navigate politics and government influence</p>
<p><b>How can the natural environment be integrated into our towns (e.g. public open spaces, reserves, wetlands, trees and protected areas)?</b></p>	<p>Tree planting – incentives, rural restoration, reserve contributions, planting of empty spaces, hedges as wind breaks</p> <p>Riparian planting – walkways and corridors</p> <p>Use green spaces more – reserves and dog walking, multi-use spaces rather than generic</p> <p>More onus on developers – new subdivisions have greenspaces and reserves</p> <p>McHugh’s Forest</p> <p>Utilising water races that are being closed – naturalising and wetlands</p> <p>Maintain remnant biodiversity and natives</p>

<b>Lincoln 2:</b>	
<b>Question</b>	<b>Responses</b>
<p><b>What are your top three things for improving your town?</b></p>	<p>Lack of facilities in Prebbleton</p> <p>Access traffic issues</p> <p>No public transport</p> <p>Improve student accommodation</p> <p>Enhance and retain rural/character/heritage feel</p> <p>More health and educational facilities</p> <p>Leverage relationships with university and agriculture</p> <p>Retain university town feel</p> <p>More parking</p> <p>Lack of educational facilities</p> <p>Not much for youth to do</p> <p>Focussed, managed intensification while maintaining heritage values</p> <p>Develop town centre</p> <p>Bike lane</p> <p>Improve traffic safety within Lincoln</p> <p>Get rid of heavy vehicles</p> <p>More variety in the typology in housing</p> <p>Maintain community feel</p> <p>Maintain green belt</p> <p>Slow greenfield development</p> <p>Lack of community facilities</p> <p>In Prebbleton – all-weather markets</p>
<p><b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b></p>	<p>Roads for specific purposes with specific dimensions</p> <p>Better connections to Christchurch for all transport types: separated space, dedicated, and expanded</p> <p>Active connection between towns</p> <p>Freight and trucks managed better – bypass? protect farms</p> <p>Charging opportunities and transition to EV and beyond, including Park-'n-Ride</p>

	<p>Public transport is improved, direct and easy (supporting density)</p> <p>Connections to community facilities – multiple types (if all in Rolleston) – question for community/infrastructure</p> <p>Safety of key connections and intersections</p> <p>Less reason to leave your town</p> <p>Prebbleton – not a through road</p> <p>Prebbleton – town centre is a destination</p> <p>Prebbleton – improve crossing</p> <p>Prebbleton – Kakaha Park bus stop</p> <p>Lincoln Town Centre – for cycling and walking</p> <p>Lincoln Town Centre – shifting parking</p>
<b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b>	<p>Identity – community spirit and connections</p> <p>Identity – village feel, rural small town</p> <p>Identity – university and research</p> <p>Identity – not another Rolleston</p> <p>Identity – history</p> <p>Biodiversity – tree canopy, Liffey, wetlands, rural and soils</p> <p>Lifestyle – safe and safety, good schools, recreation, all ages, employment, liveability, good for families</p>
<b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b>	<p>Energy efficiency, including colour of roofs – heat island effect</p> <p>Intensive housing in the right places – not on good soils, blocking sunlight, in historic precincts, or where it interferes with village character or high-water table</p> <p>Townhouses and low apartment blocks – if there are new commercial builds along Gerald Street, have residential flats above</p> <p>Trees and green space</p> <p>Affordable housing</p> <p>Supported housing</p> <p>Urban limits and green belts – farmers need to be able to keep farming</p> <p>Better permeable vs impermeable ratio</p> <p>Carpark? Developments to pay their true cost, not imbalanced or spilling onto existing ratepayers</p>
<b>What do you see as the role of the rural area surrounding your town, and how do you think this could change in the future?</b>	<p>Council should celebrate the history of the town – welcome sign</p> <p>Diversity of the town is important and values tied to the university</p> <p>The university research and agricultural research relies on the rural land and needs to be protected</p> <p>Support for hard-lined green belt to protect the land</p> <p>Lincoln rural land is critical for identity – where we have come from – but we're losing it a bit</p> <p>Need to protect and uplift the rural community but also link them into the town community</p>
<b>What types of businesses, industries or jobs would best support Lincoln and wider Selwyn's growing economy?</b>	<p>Agri tech research – Lincoln University and CRIs</p> <p>Leverage unique historical character</p> <p>Technology and innovation</p> <p>Industrial to stay in Rolleston</p> <p>Scale-appropriate</p> <p>Good transport for roads and rail</p> <p>Zoning (Industrial and Quarries)</p>

	Live and work connection Housing for industrial Self-reliance – solar, eco-conscious
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Rolleston 2:	
Question	Responses
<b>What are your top three things for improving your town?</b>	Improved rates and money management Entertainment options in Rolleston Springston Reserve upgrade and more parking Review chlorination Investigate rail for public transport Two lanes at the end of SH1 Motorway instead of merging to one lane More variety in housing and mixed-use zoning 24-hour medical Less red tape – process improvement and faster consent More parking around Foster Park Infrastructure to support growth Low cell phone and broadband/fibre coverage
<b>How can transport and access be improved to meet future needs?</b>	Street width in new subdivisions – currently too narrow Public transport improvements – higher frequency, more stops Pedestrian connections and pathways between subdivisions Footpaths on both sides of the street Traffic control and safety review – fewer speed bumps, update turn signals Review speed limits – no 60km where there are no houses, keep at 80km Passing lanes on SH73 and between West Melton and Yaldhurst Repair potholes Rail – passenger and freight
<b>What do you like about living here and what you don't want to see changed for future generations?</b>	The Willows Green space – rural side of the Selwyn Productive soils and farmland Lincoln University – students, vibrancy, Agri-research and science Support from Council for community groups and clubs Fire service – still volunteer Retain rural feel Dark Sky opportunities
<b>How can housing be improved to meet future needs?</b>	Granny flats – not many currently, under review by government Townhouses – more variety of houses needed More high density, but not high rise – all within walking distance Focus on safety – more people = more crime, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Covenants – but balance with the need for different housing types



	<p>West Melton – strategic plan in growing, not all over the place – not all developers have done a good job</p> <p>Weedons Ross Road and West Melton “wedge” rezoned</p> <p>Lot sizes – 600sqm too small</p>
<p><b>What do you see as the role of the rural area surrounding your town, and how do you think this could change in the future?</b></p>	<p>Green belt – certain types of land should never be built on – protect our good soils; council should be stopping development in some areas</p> <p>Charm of living in Selwyn – new residents need to understand that rural noises/smells are different to urban</p> <p>Urban sprawl can't take over productive land – nice to keep towns separate and have rural areas between them</p> <p>Mayor doesn't want Lincoln and Rolleston to meet</p> <p>The Willows is a really nice place to go – don't change</p>
<p><b>What types of businesses, industries or jobs would best support Lincoln and wider Selwyn's growing economy?</b></p>	<p>More entertainment – bowling, mini golf, things for children and teenagers, and after-hours such as movie theatre</p> <p>More variety in commercial in all towns – mixed-use zoning, great downtown vibe, not car-dependent</p> <p>Medical centres and after-hours services</p> <p>Finish off the Rolleston Reserve development behind Te Ara Ātea</p> <p>Industrial area – done well in Rolleston, not needed in West Melton – good job opportunities. Retail – more clothing, Costco, K-Mart – wouldn't have to leave Selwyn</p>



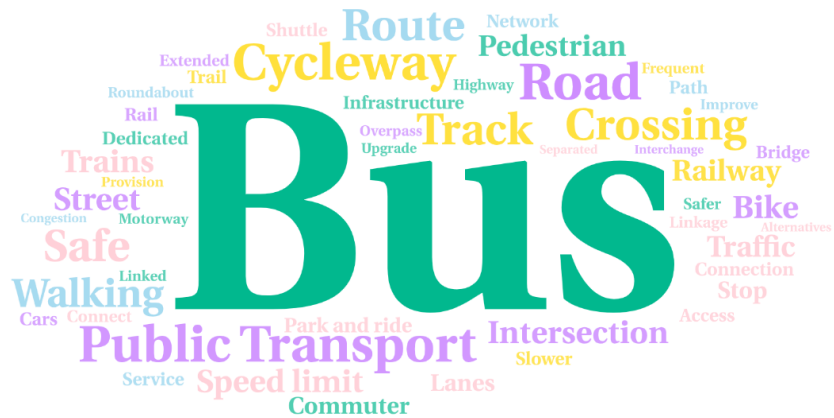
## Appendix 2

### *Dotmocracy Feedback Summary by Category and Location*

Category	Location	I like living here because...	My future town has better...
<b>Blue-Green Areas</b>	Staff Café	3	4
	HQ	27	21
	Lincoln	81	83
	Lincoln Library	77	30
	Selwyn Sports & Aquatic Centres	54	19
	Te Ara Ātea	41	49
	Selwyn Aquatic Centre	129	102
<b>Transport</b>	Staff Café	0	3
	HQ	10	28
	Lincoln	23	49
	Lincoln Library	23	28
	Selwyn Sports & Aquatic Centres	22	3
	Te Ara Ātea	19	33
	Selwyn Aquatic Centre	48	47
<b>People &amp; Communities</b>	Staff Café	1	4
	HQ	18	15
	Lincoln	67	54
	Lincoln Library	47	31
	Selwyn Sports & Aquatic Centres	41	7
	Te Ara Ātea	38	41
	Selwyn Aquatic Centre	103	59
<b>Economy</b>	Staff Café	1	2
	HQ	12	16
	Lincoln	33	58
	Lincoln Library	22	25
	Selwyn Sports & Aquatic Centres	26	10
	Te Ara Ātea	26	62
	Selwyn Aquatic Centre	51	52
<b>Housing</b>	Staff Café	1	1
	HQ	12	11
	Lincoln	34	39
	Lincoln Library	36	28
	Selwyn Sports & Aquatic Centres	18	7
	Te Ara Ātea	29	28
	Selwyn Aquatic Centre	63	48
<b>Infrastructure</b>	Staff Café	1	1
	HQ	11	13
	Lincoln	24	36

	Lincoln Library	30	32
	Selwyn Sports & Aquatic Centres	9	3
	Te Ara Ātea	23	31
	Selwyn Aquatic Centre	41	37
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>1375</b>	<b>1250</b>
			<b>2625</b>





# Area Plan <sup>24</sup>-25

**Malvern Community Board Update  
26 May 2025**

# Background



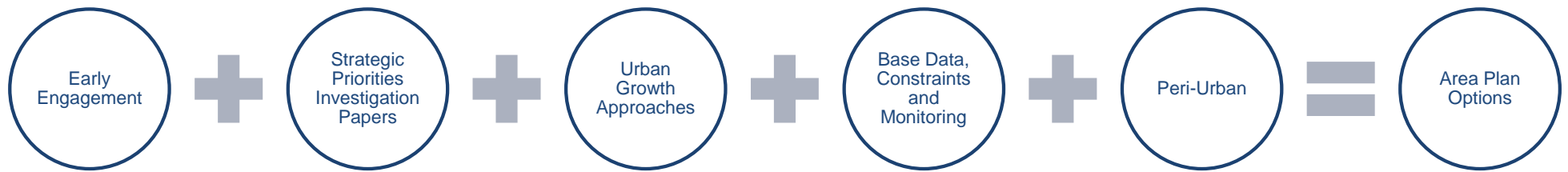
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# The Areas



# Elements for Options Engagement



# Early Engagement

- **150+** participated in our workshops
- **900+** spoken to at our workshops, drop ins, schools and events
- **337,781+** social media impressions
- **4,800+** visits to the website
- **4,000+** interacted with the online and physical maps
- **80+** hours spent talking with our community
- **2,650** 'Crowdmap' comments
- **8** workshops (world café)
- **3** in schools
- **400+** My Future Town child workbooks completed
- **13** drop-ins at libraries and facilities
- **6** rural edge connector van drop-ins
- **6** event stalls
- **2,625** light touch votes (dotmocracy)

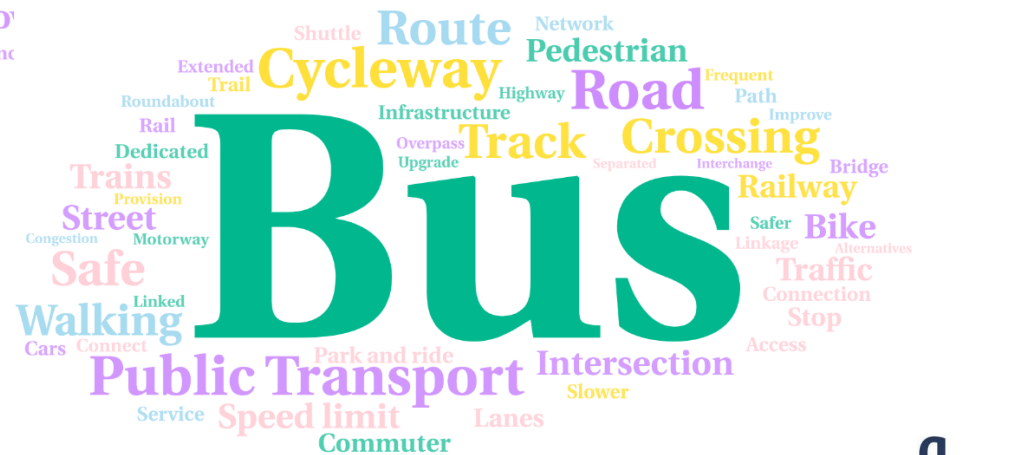


A word cloud representing the themes of the 2019/2020 Strategic Plan. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around a central point. The most prominent words are 'Protect', 'Density centres', 'Growth', and 'Services'. Other visible words include 'Transit', 'Township', 'Hectare', and 'Strategic'.



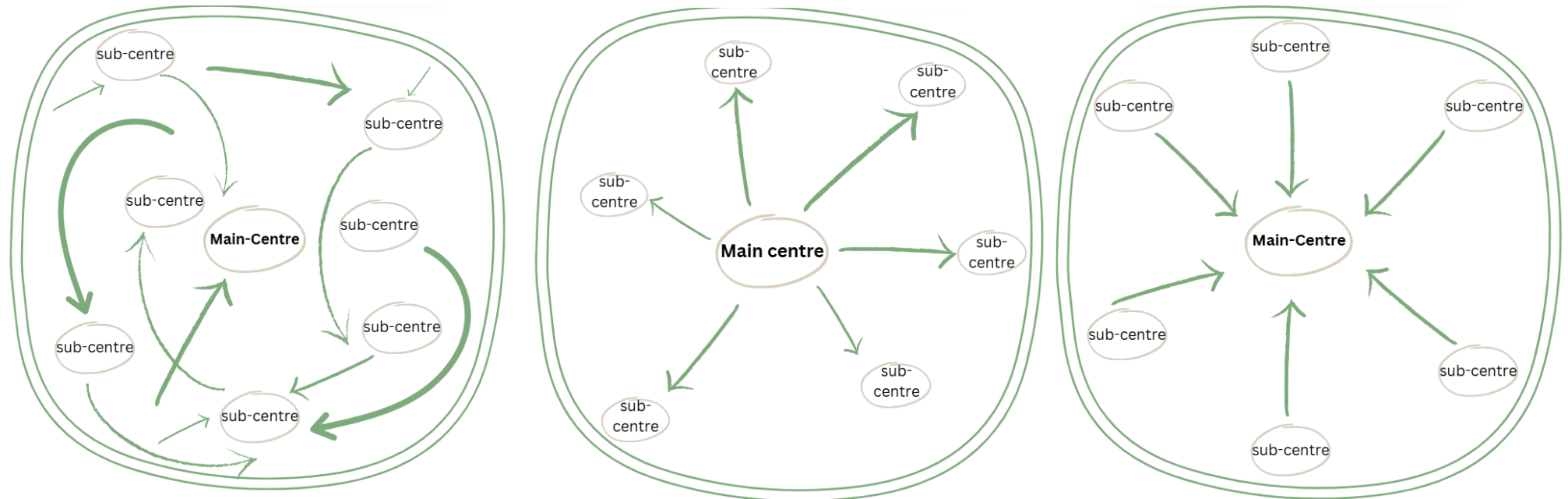
# Area 24-25 Plan

# Feedback Summary





# Urban Growth Approaches, and Base Data



# Strategic Papers



**Economic Development**  
(Shops, Jobs and industrial areas)



**Transport**  
(roads, buses, freight and cycleways)



**Blue-Green Areas**  
(like parks, rivers, and nature)



**People and Communities**  
(like libraries, pools, halls, schools and healthcare)

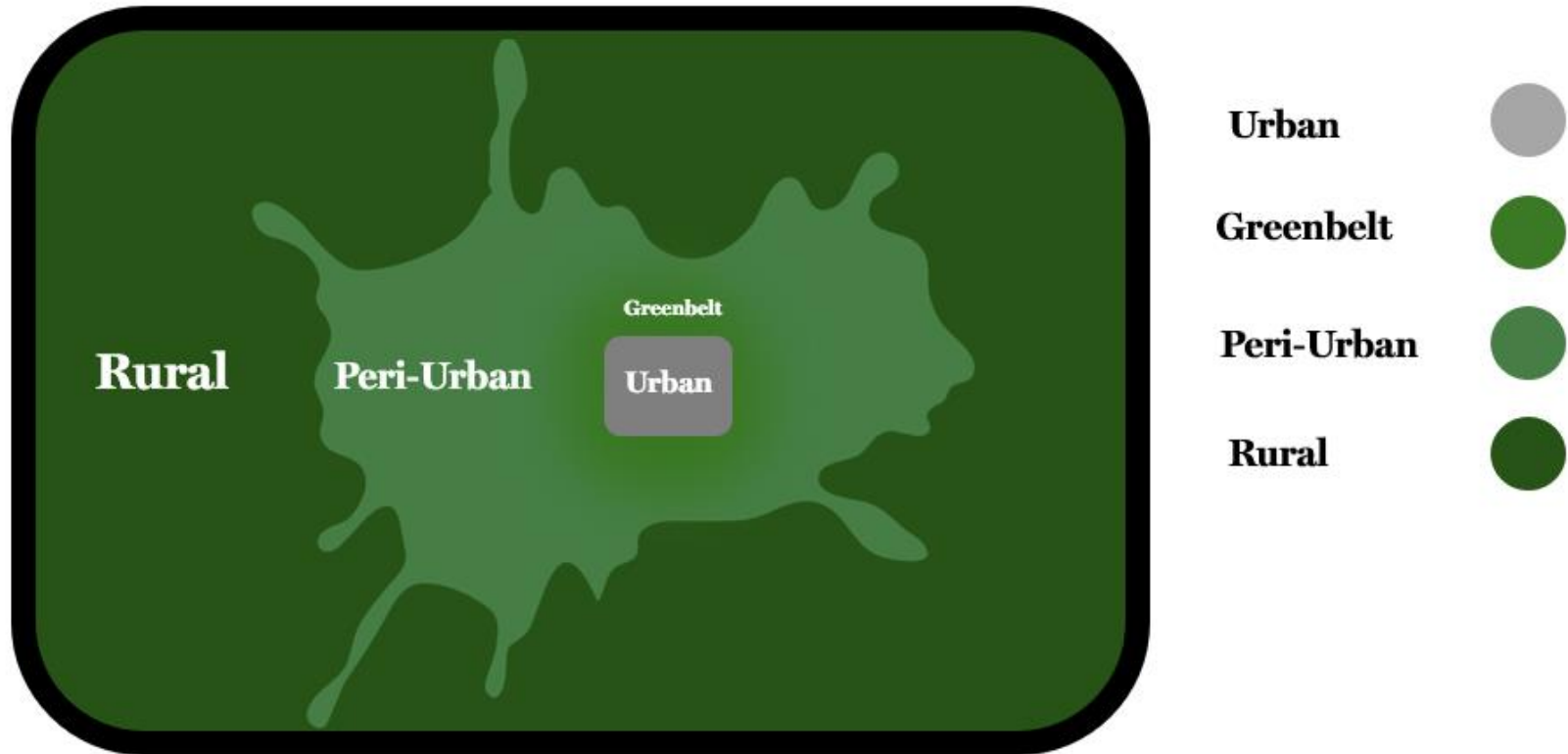


**Housing**  
(where this could go and what this may look like)



**Infrastructure**  
(water, pipes, internet and quarries)

# Peri Urban





## FINANCE REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FROM:** Selwyn District Council – Finance Business Partners

**DATE:** 16 May 2025

**SUBJECT:** Malvern Community Board financial report for the period to  
30 April 2025

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### RECOMMENDATION

*That the Malvern Community Board receives for information the Malvern Community Board ("MCB") Finance Report for the period 1 – 30 April 2025.*

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the MCB with a summary of the financial and operational performance against the planned performance highlighting any material variances.

This report covers the period to 30 April 2025 is based on the Council's monthly management accounting and performance information. It does not include technical accounting adjustments; these are made at the end of the year to comply with accounting standards.

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Report prepared by:  
Selwyn District Council  
Luiza Veras, Sarah O'Connor  
Financial Business Partners

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Endorsed by:  
Selwyn District Council  
Steve Gibling  
Executive Director - People, Culture and Capability

### **MCB Finance Report for the period ended 30 April 2025**

The MCB is in a YTD deficit of \$15,509 as at 30 April 2025, which is better than planned by \$9,203.

**Total YTD revenue** for the period ending 30 April, the total YTD revenue was \$140,973, which is \$1,717 below the budgeted revenue. This shortfall is attributed to the collection of the Malvern Ward Community Board targeted rate, which fell short by 95 properties. Consequently, this is projected to result in an unfavorable revenue variance of approx. \$2,375 by June 25. This will be offset by the expected savings from vehicle expenses budget.

**Total YTD operating expenses** for the period ending 30 April 2025 were \$64,721, below budgeted expenditure by \$10,921. We expect this to remain favourable by June 25 unless there are any unplanned expenditure.

The **favourable** variances compared with the budget are:

- Advertising expenses YTD are lower than budget by \$979, with no costs incurred for the month.
- Training expenses YTD are lower than budget by \$1,255, with no costs incurred for the month.
- Sister City expenses YTD are lower than budget by \$830, with no costs incurred for the month.
- Members Remuneration YTD Actuals are \$49,175, lower than the budgeted amount by \$1,425. This is due to the Local Government Members Determination 2024 being received after the LTP budget had been set. This favourable variance is expected to remain to 30 June 25.
- Training/Conference expenses YTD are lower than budget by \$1,173, with no costs were incurred for the month.
- Vehicle expenses YTD are lower than the budgeted amount by \$6,296. Expected savings as at 30 June 2025 will be used to offset any unfavourable variances. There are some outstanding travel claims to be filed by year-end.

The **unfavourable** variances compared with the budget are minor (General expenses \$4 over budget and Refreshments \$523 (largely down to the MCB Awards in October 2024)).

## Statement of financial performance (unaudited)

Malvern Community Board

For the month ended April

	Month April	Month Budget April	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget	Actual YTD vs Budget YTD	Full Year Budget	Last Year Actuals
<b>Revenue</b>							
0002101. Malvern Ward Community Board Targeted Rate	14,116	14,269	140,964	142,690	(1,726)	171,228	158,831
0002146. Donation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0002162. Sale of Malvern History	9	-	9	-	9	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>14,125</b>	<b>14,269</b>	<b>140,973</b>	<b>142,690</b>	<b>(1,717)</b>	<b>171,228</b>	<b>158,831</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
0002301. ACC Levy	6	9	60	90	30	110	136
0002320. Advertising & General	-	290	2,916	3,895	979	4,500	1,327
0002395. Training	-	62	617	1,872	1,255	2,000	1,222
0002410. Consultants Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0002452. Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,956
0002502. General Expenses	-	44	1,504	906	(598)	1,500	-
000250201. Sister City Expenses	-	83	-	830	830	1,000	-
0002718. Refreshments	-	25	773	250	(523)	300	73
0002765000. Members' Remuneration	4,917	5,060	49,175	50,600	1,425	60,717	56,903
0002825000. Telephone/Broadband Allowance	83	100	952	1,004	52	1,204	829
0002835. Training/Conference	-	140	3,022	4,195	1,173	4,500	-
0002860000. Vehicle Expenses	849	1,200	5,704	12,000	6,296	14,400	5,728
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,855</b>	<b>7,013</b>	<b>64,721</b>	<b>75,642</b>	<b>10,921</b>	<b>90,231</b>	<b>77,174</b>
<b>Support charges</b>							
<b>Total Support charges</b>	<b>8,784</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>91,760</b>	<b>91,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,108</b>	<b>91,969</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(514)</b>	<b>(1,920)</b>	<b>(15,509)</b>	<b>(24,712)</b>	<b>9,203</b>	<b>(29,111)</b>	<b>(10,312)</b>
<b>Targeted Rate Reserve Balance at:</b>							
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>42,483</b>		<b>57,478</b>	<b>57,478</b>		<b>57,478</b>	<b>67,790</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(514)</b>		<b>(15,509)</b>	<b>(24,712)</b>		<b>(29,111)</b>	<b>(10,312)</b>
<b>Closing Balance for Period</b>	<b>41,969</b>		<b>41,969</b>	<b>32,766</b>		<b>28,367</b>	<b>57,478</b>

**Expenditure Transactions Breakdown**

0002301. ACC levy	Jul 2024	5.97 ACC Provision July
0002301. ACC levy	Aug 2024	5.97 ACC Provision August
0002301. ACC levy	Sep 2024	5.97 ACC Provision September
0002301. ACC levy	Oct 2024	5.97 ACC Provision October
0002301. ACC levy	Nov 2024	5.97 ACC Provision November
0002301. ACC levy	Dec 2024	5.97 ACC Provision December
0002301. ACC levy	Jan 2025	5.97 ACC Provision January
0002301. ACC levy	Feb 2025	5.97 ACC Provision February
0002301. ACC levy	Mar 2025	5.97 ACC Provision March
0002301. ACC levy	Apr-25	5.97 ACC Provision March
0002320. Advertising expenses	Jul 2024	275 AP Local Governmen 7654001 206624/01 Community Board Levy 2024/25 Malven - LGNZ
0002320. Advertising expenses	Jul 2024	834.78 AP Malvern News 8394001 207168/01 MCB Awards Advertising - 4 inserts in Malvern
0002320. Advertising expenses	Aug 2024	392.88 AP CORDE Ltd 9254001 207554/01 2 X information boards to be reinstalled back at Darfield Li
0002320. Advertising expenses	Aug 2024	77 AP Selwyn District 9249001 207728/01 MCB Hire of the DRCC Lounge - 20 June 2024
0002320. Advertising expenses	Aug 2024	96.25 AP Selwyn District 9249001 207755/01 MCB Hire of the DRCC Lounge - 18 July 2024
0002320. Advertising expenses	Sep 2024	896.51 AP BLUEPRINT 964001 208954/01 MCB Brochure Printing - Quote 242286
0002320. Advertising expenses	Sep 2024	50.22 AP Selwyn District 376001 208953/01 MCB Hire of the DRCC Lounge - 12 August 2024
0002320. Advertising expenses	Nov 2024	191.3 AP Selwyn District 6783001 206835/01 Room Hire - Malvern Community Board
0002320. Advertising expenses	Dec 2024	201.74 AP Malvern News 3305001 211567/02 Advertising and Printing - Santa's Grotto
0002320. Advertising expenses	Jan 2025	-275 Coding Correction - MCB LGNZ Levy
0002320. Advertising expenses	Feb 2025	175.43 AP Selwyn District 6305001 213844/01 MCB meeting January 2025
0002395. Conference training and travel expenditure	Dec 2024	617.39 AP Payne 3222001 211585/01 Reimburse Expenses - Calvin Payne
0002502. General Expenses	Aug 2024	500 AP Darfield High S 9539001 208444/01 Contribution to Darfield High School Prize
0002502. General Expenses	Oct 2024	76.52 AP Bruce Douglas R 8647001 209899/01 Reimburse Expenses - Malvern Community Board
0002502. General Expenses	Oct 2024	110 AP Selwyn District 5857001 210769/01 MCB Room Hire
0002502. General Expenses	Dec 2024	500 AP Shanneke Kacey 2249001 211865/01 Payment as per MCB resolution for Santa Gifts
0002502. General Expenses	Jan 2025	275 Coding Correction - MCB LGNZ Levy
0002502. General Expenses	Feb 2025	42.09 AP Malvern News 5438001 213710/01 I: Community Award Certificates
0002718. Catering	Jul 2024	68.4 AP Bruce Russell 8173001 206857/01 Reimbursement of Expenses MCB - Bar Snacks
0002718. Catering	Aug 2024	108.6 AP Bruce Russell 9182001 207847/01 Reimburse Expenses - Malvern Community Board
0002718. Catering	Aug 2024	-14.15 Malvern Community board refreshments GST Aug
0002718. Catering	Aug 2024	-8.92 Malvern Community board refreshments GST Jul
0002718. Catering	Nov 2024	542.75 AP Country Feasts 6780001 209685/22 Orders for the end of September 2024 until th
0002718. Catering	Jan 2025	11.98 AP Steele's Hanmer 4305001 212059/01 Grocery Purchases October 2024
0002718. Catering	Jan 2025	64 AP Subway Rolleston 4076001 209077/01 Lunch for Community Board workshop 17th Sept
0002765000. Cost of staff employed	Jul 2024	4917.48 Wages
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0002765000. Cost of staff employed	Mar 2025	0 Members' Remuneration
0002765000. Cost of staff employed	Mar 2025	4917.48 Wages
0002765000. Cost of staff employed	Apr-25	4917.48 Councillors Pay Accrual April 25
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Jul 2024	185.18 AP Spark New Zeala 6877001 206336/01 Cell Phones, Executive June/July 2024
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Aug 2024	50.22 AP Spark New Zeala 9516001 207695/01 Cell Phones, Executive July/August 2024
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Sep 2024	100 AP Spark New Zeala 377001 209059/01 Cell Phones, Executive August/September 2024
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Oct 2024	100 AP Spark New Zeala 7952001 209550/01 Cell Phones, Executive September/October 2024
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Nov 2024	100 AP Spark New Zeala 5990001 210757/01 Cell Phones, Executive October/November 2024
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Dec 2024	100 AP Spark New Zeala 2284001 211718/01 Cell Phones Executive Nov/Dec 2024
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Dec 2024	73.55 AP Spark New Zeala 3527001 212568/01 Cell Phones Executive Dec/Jan 2025
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Jan 2025	80 AP Spark New Zeala 5078001 213306/01 Cell Phones Executive Jan/Feb 2025
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Mar 2025	80 AP Spark New Zeala 8433001 214272/01 Cell Phones Executive Feb/Mar 2025
0002825000. Telephone & Internet	Apr-25	82.58 AP Spark New Zeala 8433001 214272/01 Cell Phones Executive Mar/April 2025
0002835. Training - Staff, Aids & Equip	Jul 2024	2819.25 Prepayments 2024
0002835. Training - Staff, Aids & Equip	Aug 2024	202.4 AP Bruce Russell 9318001 208269/01 LGNZ Conference Expenses
0002860000. Vehicle expenses	Jul 2024	1006.3 Wages
0002860000. Vehicle expenses	Aug 2024	1006.3 Councillors Pay Accrual Aug 24
0002860000. Vehicle expenses	Sep 2024	-1006.3 Councillors Pay Accrual Aug 24
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0002860000. Vehicle expenses	Feb 2025	585.52 Wages
0002860000. Vehicle expenses	Mar 2025	469.04 Wages
0002860000. Vehicle expenses	Apr-25	848.64 Wages
0002890. Internal charges and overheads applied	Jul 2024	13409.81 Support Allocation July
0002890. Internal charges and overheads applied	Aug 2024	4942.19 Support Charge Allocation August

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0002890. Internal charges and overheads applied	Sep 2024	9176 Support Allocation September
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0002890. Internal charges and overheads applied	Dec 2024	9176 Support Allocation December
0002890. Internal charges and overheads applied	Jan 2025	9176 Support Allocation January
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0002890. Internal charges and overheads applied	Mar 2025	9372.05 STND SPSV Support Charges Allocation March25

**Malvern Community Board Report  
May 2025**

Since our last meeting the Board has had several meetings, though mainly limited to a lot of work being done in regards to our future for the MCB.

We are having discussions re our future financial and delegations from Selwyn District Council, led by Steve Gibblins and his team.

I would like to congratulate Sharn on her informative presentation to ECAN.

I would also like to wish John and Sharn the best for their next goals in local politics.

I attended and took part in two ANZAC services. Pleased that both were well very well attended.

Bruce Russell QSM JP  
Chair, Malvern Community Board

## COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FOR:** Community Board Meeting – May 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

**FROM:** Community Board Member – Sharn Nu'u

**DATE:** May 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

**SUBJECT:** **BOARD REPORT – May 2025**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That the monthly report from the Board member be received, for information.'*

### Rural Water Supplies

During the weather event that caused Selwyn District to be placed under a State of Emergency, the rural water supplies were put on conserve notice, with the majority being unable to provide water for longer than 3 days.

The following water supplies were placed on "Conserve Water" notice. Communicated date and time for notices placed and lifted also provided:

- Acheron 30/04 at 11.27am; lifted 04/05 at 7.19pm – 4.5 days offline
- Hororata 30/04 at 3.00pm; lifted 08/05 at 9.16am – 7.5 days offline
- Dalethorpe 30/04 at 3.23pm; lifted 08/05 at 8.56am – 7.5 days offline
- Arthur's Pass 30/04 at 3.37pm; lifted 02/05 12.02pm - <3 days offline
- Hartley's 01/05 at 5.47am; lifted 07/05 at 11.07am – 6 days offline

I sent the following questions via email to council 05/05:

1. What date/time was the Hartley's water supply up again?
2. At what date/time was it identified that there was a fault in the water main preventing the water flowing into Coalgate?
3. At what date/time was Corde employee Corey sent to resolve the airlock issue in the pipeline on Coaltrack Road?
4. What date/time was the fault resolved?
5. What comms were sent to residents in relation to Hartleys water supply issues?

Below is the response:

"Thank you for getting in touch. Following the weather event last week the Hartleys source water quality returned to an adequate level on Sunday morning (04/05/2025) to allow us to restart the water supply scheme. Once the scheme recharged it was identified that the flows to the Coalgate townships were too low. The Operations team worked into the night on Sunday trying to fix the problem, however Health and Safety issues paused their work sometime after 10pm with crews starting back around 6.30am on Monday morning, resolving the issue around lunch time. Corey was part of the crew working on the scheme, though I understand Corey himself wasn't at that site until later Monday morning. Comms were sent out through Civil Defence via the SDC website and social media, with the initial conserve water notice sent via text and email."



### Latest update

The Whitecliffs Residents Association organised a small meeting with Mark Andrews, Principal Water Engineer from Water Services at SDC.

For many of us in the rural areas, we found ourselves without water when our water tanks ran dry due to our water supplies being offline for more than 5 days. Things people should know:

- There is a bylaw stating all houses with a water tank must be able to hold 3 days worth of water. (I have been unable to find this bylaw)
- The reservoirs for the Hartley's supply only holds a days worth of water. (for Coalgate, it took over 5 days for peoples water tanks to begin refilling)
- The conserve water notice is automatically activated when a reservoir gets below 60% capacity. If there is a fault, this can drain in a very short space of time.
- When you receive a conserve water notice, that means it's expected the reservoir WILL run dry so your 3 days worth of water is all you have. This poses a real issue if a water supply is down for longer than 3 days.
- Communication equipment to alert SDC of any issues runs on solar and battery, if less than a week sunlight, comms can fail.
- Access to the water supplies are difficult and are on private land
- Additional equipment has recently been added to this supply to make the system more robust until LTP work is carried out
  - additional UTV unit installed but not yet online
  - improved chlorine dosing

It was great to hear there is a multi-faceted approach to resolving the water supply issues for Whitecliffs, Glentunnel, Coalgate and Hororata. The funding has been set via the Long Term Plan and has 3 stages to completion.

1. 1a. New pipeline from Hartley's to Whitecliffs due to be completed June 2025
2. 1b. New pipeline from Whitecliffs to Glentunnel - awaiting council approval for the projected to begin
3. 2. New system for Glentunnel to Coalgate

An amalgamated pipeline for Hartley's and Hororata is the final outcome with a new reservoir for Coalgate in the township.

### Final

- Implore SDC to work on transparency and more effective means of communication with residents of affected areas, especially if equipment is failing and/or notice remains in place for longer than the 3 days storage required
- Implore councillors to ensure any water works get highest priority in budgets and annual plans until rural water supplies in Malvern are robust and able to service the residents adequately

### Environment Canterbury Draft Annual Plan submission

06/05 I presented the MCB submission on the PT bus trial proposal and fare zones. The presentation can be viewed on the Environment Canterbury YouTube Channel.

See "Appendix A" for submission

See Appendix B for article in The Press dated 07/05

### Opportunity to support free community event in Malvern

06/05 I met with the owner of The Fairy Collective who run events in Methven and Bottlelake Forest, as well as others in Canterbury. We discussed The Fairy Collective holding an event in Darfield. At this stage we have set a tentative date for November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. Funding is being sought from SDC's Creative Fund via the company.

I am seeking the support of MCB for this event to go ahead at McHughs forest and that we are noted as a sponsor for the event. If any further monetary contribution is required post application for funding, that the board consider providing some funding before the end of this financial year up to the amount of \$500 to assist with costs so the event can be free of charge to the community.

I ask the council provide a contact from Taumutu to assist us with this event to ensure tikanga is being followed, and hopefully to assist with finding a story teller knowledgeable in local maori legends.

**Social Media**

- 18 Facebook posts since our April meeting
- Insights for the past 28 days:
  - o 22,367 views on content
  - o Reach 7,207 people
  - o 211 interactions
  - o 24 new followers; 162 total followers
  - o Top post: "Tomorrow morning we will be presenting our submission on the eCan Draft Annual Plan" with 10,448 views

**Other:**

- 12/05 MCB budget workshop
- 13/05 Marshall for Darfield Primary School cross country
- 16/05 Meeting with Charlotte from The Fairy Collective
- 16/05 MC for Darfield Primary School disco
- 19/05 Water Services meeting in Glentunnel

**Coming up:**

- 21/05 Speaking at council regarding rural water supply concerns
- 30/05 Judging for Year 9 Social Studies Sustainability project
- 12/06 Bi-monthly combined RA workshop



Signature

Sharn Nu'u

## "APPENDIX A"

### Malvern Community Board submission on the Environment Canterbury draft annual plan 2025/2026

#### Introduction

The Malvern Community Board is pleased to have the opportunity to submit on the draft annual plan for 2025/2026.

The items of interest in this annual plan draft are:

- Darfield > Rolleston bus trial

#### PT background

- The board submitted on the Regional Public Transport Plan in October 2024
  - In this submission, the board represented the Malvern Ward
  - The board mentioned West Melton had come into the Malvern Ward in 2022.
    - NB West Melton township is part of the greater Christchurch partnership
  - The board mentioned that West Melton, Kirwee and Darfield are included in the Selwyn Districts Growth Plan
  - The board mentioned that Malvern does not have the facilities or amenities to support the current growth, particularly basic health care, child care, social services, education, fitness and leisure centres and supermarkets.
  - The board mentioned that previous trials were unsuccessful for a Darfield to Rolleston Service, however the population has grown substantially since 2015.
  - This submission can be found as Appendix A
- The board presented their submission to the Public Transport hearing panel November 2024
  - The speaker provided statistical data on actual growth and projected growth for the area
  - The speaker provided targeted data for Youth and Elderly, which the board believes will be the majority of targeted users for peak and off peak services. The speaker took the opportunity to once again elaborate on the need for these groups to have access to facilities and amenities that are not available in Malvern
  - The speaker acknowledged that Environment Canterbury is well aware of the need in Malvern for additional bus services into Christchurch City, and an additional return service. It was also acknowledged that Environment Canterbury had in the past not been able to provide additional services due to lack of government funding
  - The speaker presented an alternative viable option to be considered via a local shuttle operator
  - The speaker recommended targeted consultation with the Malvern Community to understand the needs of the Malvern rate payers
  - The speakers notes can be found in Appendix B
- Consultation and Community engagement.

- The board thanks Environment Canterbury for hearing our previous submissions and initiating community consultation with our delegated board member and Councillor Gliddon
- The board thanks Environment Canterbury for engaging directly with our communities, namely West Melton and Darfield

### Annual Plan Submission

1. The board is in strong support of the concept of the annual plan proposal, to provide additional bus services to the communities of Malvern. That said, there has been overwhelming feedback from rate payers in regard to the additional cost that will be imposed on their current targeted rate.
2. The board acknowledges the need for a rate charge to ensure the service can be provided to the users of public transport. The board acknowledges that no funding will be provided by government to subsidise the proposed additional service(s).
3. The board wishes Environment Canterbury's consideration of an additional 86 service to Christchurch in the trial, this would be preferable to a Darfield to Rolleston service.
4. The board expresses that they have been approached by a private entity who would be willing to work along side the community to provide a viable solution for Darfield to Rolleston on a user pays basis.
  - a. There is a risk that the desired 75pax/day will not be achievable which could make the cost less viable for the members of the Malvern Communities
  - b. This would need to be trial based
  - c. The board would like to invite Environment Canterbury to consider this as a possible cost effective solution to compliment the Community Vehicle trust.
    - i. If 4.c. is a possibility, Malvern Community Board would be willing to facilitate any engagement required
5. The board acknowledges that if this trial does not go ahead, it might be another 5+ years before Environment Canterbury chooses to look into public transport services to accommodate the Malvern Residents

## **APPENDIX A**

### Regional Public Transport Plan

Thank you for providing the opportunity for community engagement into the Long Term Plan for public transport. The Malvern Community Board of Selwyn District submit on behalf of the Malvern community which covers the largest area of the Selwyn District with approximately 15,000 residents.

Currently the only bus to connect our Malvern townships with Christchurch City is the number 86 which is a one bus in one bus out system. This bus runs Monday to Friday leaving Darfield 7am and arriving at the Christchurch Bus exchange at 8.14am. This bus then leaves the Christchurch Bus exchange at 4.38pm arriving in Darfield around 5.45pm. Stops are Kirwee, West Melton, Westfield Mall, Bus Interchange, Manchester St Super Stop.

The Malvern Ward has grown, with West Melton having come into the Malvern Ward in October 2022, and it looks as if the outcome of the representation review will have West Melton remain in this ward for some time to come. On top of that, the Selwyn Districts Growth Plan for the district includes growth strategy for West Melton, Kirwee, Darfield and other smaller satellite rural townships.

With families choosing to move to Malvern, there has also been a boom in the youth population. Malvern does not have the facilities or amenities to cater to these new families and youth, and new comers are finding they need to travel to Rolleston or Christchurch to access essential and basic services i.e. general practitioners, dentists, higher education, social services, fitness and leisure centres and supermarkets, to name a few.

The Malvern Community needs more public transport options to accommodate the growth in the area. In the recent past, models have been trialled, however it is possible these opportunities were presented prematurely as the developments in the area were at their early stages. Since the service to Rolleston has stopped, further subdivisions have been built and a larger Metro bus has been provided to accommodate the growth for the single bus system. Also, the local bus services that was available for students attending schools in Christchurch have stopped which poses a logistics and economic issue for families which is leading to many deciding to leave the district to be closer to institutions in the city. We believe now is the time to explore further options for Malvern and we would appreciate the serious consideration of the views of the Malvern community with targeted consultation for the areas residents and this be a matter of consideration for the long term plan and potentially looking further into the future for Malvern.

**APPENDIX B****Regional Public Transport Plan**

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***Population & Growth***

- **Selwyn – 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Canterbury District making up 12% of the population of the Canterbury region**
- **The Malvern Ward has grown by approximately 4,000 residents between 2013 and 2023 based in the NZ Census statistical data**
- **Projected 91% growth by 2048 of 16 RPTP LTP.**

<i>Census year</i>		2013	2018	2023
<i>Variable codes</i>				
Census usually resident population count		11,370	13,701	15,120
Median - age		42.6	42.8	43.9
Age (life cycle groups) - total census usually resident population count		11,370	13,701	15,120
• Under 15 years		2,367	2,811	2,967
• 15-29 years		1,611	1,977	2,022
• 30-64 years		5,835	6,876	7,455
• 65 years and over		1,554	2,034	2,679

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***Youth and elderly***

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services i.e. general practitioners, dentists, higher education, social services, fitness and leisure centres and supermarkets, to name a few.

- **Based on 2013 & 2023 Census data**
  - **Youth between the ages of 15-29 and persons 65+ - 5,500 residents**
  - **Youth numbers have grown by 500 over the 10 year period**
  - **Persons over 65+ has almost doubled over the 10 year period**

### ***Current service***

Currently the only bus to connect our Malvern townships with Christchurch City is the number 86 which is a one bus in one bus out system. This bus runs Monday to Friday leaving Darfield 7am and arriving at the Christchurch Bus exchange at 8.14am. This bus then leaves the Christchurch Bus exchange at 4.38pm arriving in Darfield around 5.45pm. Stops are Kirwee, West Melton, Westfield Mall, Bus Interchange, Manchester St Super Stop.

- **Ecan is aware of the need and demand for more runs to and from Christchurch City**
- **Extract from The Press – January 24 2024**

We've got a Darfield bus - a double decker - and it's full. What are you going to do about that? Get another bus? Well, it takes a while," Environment Canterbury (ECan) chairperson Peter Scott said.

The "really good increase" in patronage on the city's buses was especially visible for those travelling to and from satellite towns in Selwyn and Waimakariri, he said.

"I wouldn't be surprised if we run out of buses by the end of the year."



Selwyn's bus routes - direct routes to Lincoln (81), Rolleston (85) and Darfield (86), the Lincoln to Southbridge (87) and Lincoln to Burnham (820) between 2019 and 2023.SUPPLIED / ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

He vowed to advocate for Canterbury's transport needs with the new Government.

ECan figures show use of the once-a-day 86 bus - an express service from Darfield to the city, stopping at Kirwee and West Melton - had 686 boardings in October 2019, which more than doubled to 1525 by October 2023.

### ***Past services***

The Malvern Community, Selwyn needs more public transport options to accommodate the growth in the area. In the recent past, models have been trialled, however it is possible these opportunities were presented prematurely as the developments in the area were at their early stages. Since the service to Rolleston has stopped, further subdivisions have been built and a larger Metro bus has been provided to accommodate the growth for the single bus system. Also, the local bus services that was available for students attending schools in Christchurch have stopped which poses a logistics and economic issue for families which is leading to many deciding to leave the district to be closer to institutions in the city.

- **Correction.**
  - **Original bus was subsidised, this stopped around Covid and a pay to ride private bus service exists.**
  - **Bus service to Rolleston. Trial via Selwyn Youth Council**

We believe now is the time to explore further options for Malvern and we would appreciate the serious consideration of the views of the Malvern community with targeted consultation for the areas residents and this be a matter of consideration for the long term plan and potentially looking further into the future for Malvern.

### **Alternative - Selwyn Shuttles**

**Goal: Regular and affordable transport**

**Suggested route and itinerary:**

**Darfield, Kirwee, West Melton, Rolleston, Burnham, Dunsandal, Hororata, Colgate, Darfield**

**Allowing for 3min stops this round trip is 2hours, so we could have 5 "runs" a day, 8am, 10am, lunch, 1pm, 3pm & 5pm.**

**Implementation:**

**I would lease a dedicated vehicle : 25 seat bus, and contract a full time driver along with myself as backup.**

**Daily cost: \$650 / day covers all the above**

**How much to charge passengers:**

**From my experience these trails are slow to start and require financial support to get started, the philosophy is "build it and they will come"**

**Start estimated pax: 15 / day = \$43.30 each**

**Goal Pax: 75 / day = \$8.60**



1. Targeted consultation for Selwyn and Malvern
2. Opportunity for alternative solution to resolve Malvern Issues

## “APPENDIX B”

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From page 1 // Water quality

Cr Yairi Johanson said in the past the council had never been given straight answers from Taumata Arowai and the goal posts continually changed. “The change in approach is very welcome. It’s a 180 degree reverse on what they were doing before.” He said the council now needed to focus on getting the chlorine out of the water.

Deputy mayor Pauline Cotter said she wanted to keep working closely with Taumata Arowai so the council could get rid of chlorine, but she warned it would not happen overnight.

Two of the big issues preventing the council from receiving an exemption is the amount of water that is drawn backwards into the supply and leaks.

The council’s pipes are currently leaking 27% of all water used. It has a goal to reduce that to under 15% by 2034.

But, it might need to strive for an even lower target if it wants to get an exemption.

Prangnell said there was no hard and fast leakage number that Taumata Arowai would be seeking, but it was likely to be in the single figures.

**CITY BUS STATION**

**Youths held after assault**

A person is in hospital after being assaulted by a group of young people at the Christchurch bus interchange last night. A police spokesperson said three youths were taken into custody, but inquiries were ongoing to find the remaining alleged offenders. A person was found with moderate injuries and taken to hospital by police, with three youths located a short time later nearby.

**SOUTH CANTERBURY**

**Death at rural workplace**

A person is dead after a workplace incident in rural South Canterbury. A police spokesperson said emergency services were alerted to the incident on Spur Hut Rd, Waitohi - near Temuka - about 2.35pm yesterday. A person was found dead. The serious crash unit examined the scene and Worksafe was notified.

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**A mother’s bus plea**

Tells how lack of affordable services can add to hardship in rural areas

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**  
Maxine Jacobs

The juxtaposition between a mother’s plea to help her community’s most vulnerable and her duty to represent ratepayer views has stunned the regional council.

Sharn Nu’u is a low income mother, foster mother, renter and community volunteer. She is also a member of the Malvern Community Board in the heart of Selwyn about 50km west of Christchurch.

Nu’u presented two realities of rural life to Environment Canterbury’s draft annual plan 2025/26 hearing yesterday.

A trial bus service from Darfield to Rolleston via West Melton and Kirwee is pitched to be funded by Malvern Ward ratepayers through a targeted rate of \$139 for one bus at peak times, or \$178.03 for a service at peak times and one at midday.

Malvern currently has one bus service from Darfield in the morning through Kirwee and West Melton to Christchurch which returns in the evening and costs Malvern ratepayers \$22.40.

Users of the services currently pay \$2, but under the plan ECan would increase the fee to \$3 from July 1 and potentially introduce bus zones, increasing fees to \$4 or \$6 to the city depending if one zone or two were approved.

Malvern residents gave “overwhelming feedback” they did not want to tick up their rate payments for more services in the rural community, Nu’u said. A shared rate with all of Selwyn District, another direct-to-Christchurch service, or exploring alternative transport services such as boosting funding Malvern Community Vehicle Trust to provide a smaller shuttle service on the same route was preferred, Nu’u told the council.

But doing nothing was not an option for many families, she said, as she started her own personal submission.

While Selwyn was one of the least deprived districts in the nation, hardship was rife in the rural community, and it was getting worse, she said.

Darfield, West Melton and Kirwee’s populations had grown by more than 30% in the past 10 years from 5640 to 7500. By 2034 the three towns were expected to be home to almost 10,000 people, another 32% increase in population.

Nu’u, who lives in Darfield with primary aged child, three teenagers, and a young adult, said she sees the struggles of the community’s most vulnerable exacerbated by almost no transport options.

“I’ve watched many children become young adults, who had high hopes and ambitions for their futures, struggle to obtain the help they so deserved and the freedom they so needed. As a result (they) are now non-contributing members of society struggling with mental health, addictions and some turning to crime.”

Nu’u said many people relocated to rural communities for cheaper housing, not realising the basic amenities they rely on like doctors and counsellors were not available.

“Since the start of the school year Nu’u said multiple families of Darfield High School had approached her looking for mental health help for children who had attempted suicide.

There were no mental health services available in the community, so parents had quit their jobs protect them and drive them to counselling sessions in the city. Nu’u said she did the same thing when her child was struggling.

“Something so small as public transport being available to our areas could open up so much more opportunity for our youth, elderly, vulnerable, and create healthier pathways for many.”

Nu’u understood the ratepayers and the Government had no appetite to fund the service, but pleaded with the council to invest in the people who needed help.

Councillors were almost moved to tears by her submission, with ECan’s chair Craig Pauling saying he looked forward to discussions with his fellow councillors to find a solution that served all in the community.

“I really hope we can do something about it, but it’s complicated because we either do buses or support the Malvern Community vehicle trust, but there’s nothing in between.”

Deliberations for the draft annual plan 2025/26 will begin on May 17.

**Submitter**

Darfield resident Sharn Nu’u becomes emotional as she details the challenges of her community to an ECan draft annual plan hearing yesterday.

**Ian R. Little Ltd.**

1 Homersham Place, Burnside, Christchurch

## REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board  
**FOR:** Community Board Meeting - 26th May 2025  
**FROM:** Community Board Member - Phil Freeman  
**DATE:** 18th May 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Board Report - for period to 18th May 2025

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That the monthly report from Board Member be received, for information.'*

#### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of my recent activities and community engagement related to matters relevant to Malvern Community Board (MCB). The report is a record of my activities as a member of MCB and, where relevant, activities undertaken on behalf of the Board will be clearly identified.

#### 2. CURRENT ISSUES

- a. **Reserve Management** : Snap Send Solve, while a great tool to actually get things done because its got KPIs around it. Unfortunately it is also becoming an outlet for continuous complaining from the same people. "Busy people don't have time to complain." Council staff need to check (boots on the ground) before suggesting action. Case in point, the Glow Festival at the Hororata Domain held on the 10th of May. With a 130mm rain event a week before and then 27mm the night before the event, the damage caused was minimal. I would suggest no other grounds in Selwyn would have copped with 11,000 Plus people and 4000 cars parked in paddocks. We know our domain and how to manage it and what it can handle. The effort to protect its integrity was outstanding and should be applauded not questioned.

#### 3. EVENTS

**Hororata Glow Festival** : Huge success, again congratulations to organisers with huge crowds, challenging weather its great to see the large events take place in Selwyn to support local groups to fundraise. 15 local schools and groups like the Lions in total , plus many local stall holders.

#### 4. MEETINGS ATTENDED

Meetings - 2024 June	Summary
23rd April	Go Hororata Meeting
28th April	MCB Board Meeting
12th May	MCB Budget.

## 5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This section is to inform Board Members in relation to matters off relevance that have occurred in Malvern(and Selwyn)that as a member attended to better interact with the community.

> Blackford Barbell Club

>

## 6. FORTH COMING

>. Coleridge RA AGM

>. Arthurs Pass RA AGM



Phil Freeman  
Malvern Comunimity Member

## COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board

**FOR:** Community Board Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**FROM:** Community Board Member – John Verry, Deputy Chair

**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**SUBJECT:** **BOARD REPORT – May 2025**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*‘That the monthly report from the Board member be received, for information.’*

### INTRODUCTION

This report covers my community engagement as an elected member (**Hawkins Subdivision**) of the Malvern Community Board.

The Board is building on the support and momentum provided by the community in their engagement with SDC during the Representation Review. It was heartening that the **Local Government Commission determination** come out strongly for:

- a) the Malvern Community Board not to be disestablished and more to the point, that it would be worthwhile to explore whether the various rural communities would benefit from more Community Boards or a Rural community board, in the Selwyn District;
- b) SDC to give effective delegations to the Community Board(s).  
This is an issue that has been raised with the CEO and I am committed (my fellow Board members are able to speak for themselves...) to progressing. However the Board has a legislative mandate to continue its effective community engagement and advocacy and other activities to ensure Council *hears the voice of the people of Malver Ward*...which is happening and I am committed to now working on having Council engage and respond 😊!

The Board met with Mr Gibling, Executive Director People, Culture and Capability, and SDC finance representatives on 12 May 2025 to discuss the financial implications of the LGC Determination arising from West Melton going to Springs Ward. The discussion was constructive with SDC having heard and appropriately responded to concerns the Board has been attempting to gain traction on for the 18 months Mr Freeman and I have been members. I believe, further information will be provided in the Executive Director’s Report, that can be discussed at the meeting.

## UPDATES FROM COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ATTENDANCE AT RESIDENTS | COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Springfield Community Association** committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month.  
May meeting:-

- ✓ The car rally was a success.
- ✓ The focus is on improving the current upkeep of the reserves in Springfield, mainly the Tawera Reserve, as an ongoing project. The meeting involving the Parks and Reserves Representative valuable and answered questions and actions moving forward.
- ✓ It is important to retain momentum for the Flood mitigation work (It was positive to see personnel out there during the recent rain event).
- ✓ The future of the Community Hall is important. We are awaiting an update from Ms Kidd in relation to further engagement in the next couple of months.

**Greendale Residents Association** Committee met 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025: next meeting 9 July 2025

Road safety concerns, passed to SDC:-

- a) The Association has previously requested SDC to consider changes to improve road safety of the Adams-Greendale roads intersection, and were informed there were higher priorities.
  - ➔ **The request** is whether SDC Traffic/Roading officers could visit the Adams Road/Greendale Road intersection (desktop or *in situ*) to ascertain whether the intersection could be made safer and respond with their analysis of the safety risk and maybe an effective low-cost solution such as clearer road markings – suggest report to the June meeting of the Board 😊
- b) The Mills Road ford needs repair where part has been ‘washed out’,
- c) The 50 KPH speed sign on Greendale Road by the primary school – would road safety be improved by moving the speed restriction sign to the start of the ‘built up area’?
- d) Flooding: Committee members reported no significant issues with the recent heavy rainfall but residents had towed several vehicles out of local fords.
  - ➔ John Verry offered to follow-up on the committee’s submission to the Council asking for signs showing the contact numbers of local towing companies on the ford closed signs 😊

Community activities:

- ✓ Winter activities Committee members decided that table tennis, board games and possibly indoor bowls would be suitable activities and should be offered on the same night.
- ✓ Darts is a popular activity at the Greendale Golf Club.
- ✓ About 30 residents had registered interest in table tennis in the “Dads group chat”.
- ✓ The planting project in the domain was well attended
- ✓ 26 residents have booked a place for the PTA Whisky tasting evening on 7th June.



A pot luck Mid Winter Christmas dinner will be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025 @ Greendale Hall BYO + pot luck (say 5.30 pm)

*Mid Winter Christmas*

MY FUTURE TOWN – I am looking forward to the Board receiving an update on the initial or preliminary community engagement workshops that will be provided in the agenda and spoken to at the May meeting.

## ISSUES RAISED BY CONSTITUENTS.

### 1. Pure drinking water

In collaboration with the Darfield Residents' Association Inc., progress is being made regarding the possibility of there being a chlorine free water station in Darfield.

## WIDER MATTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE COMMUNITY:

### A. Community Halls

On-going, no further update at this stage. The issue remains live.

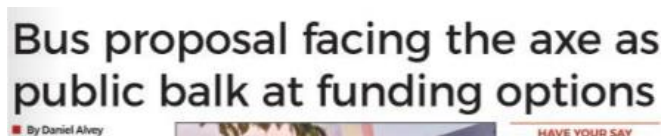
### B. Reserves

This will hopefully be covered in a report and update at the May 2025 Board meeting.

### C. The Selwyn Times reported (14 May 2025) →

Formal consultation on the ECan Draft Annual Plan was undertaken from 28 February 2025

to 3 April 2025. During this period 744 submissions were received, with approximately 39 submitters indicating a wish to present their views to the Council.



Attachment 5.1.1

#### Appendix A

Below is a summary of all the submission comments Council received related to PT through Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn Strategy, as well as the map of where all the comments were located within the district.

#### Key Themes from Public Comments on Public Transport:

##### 1. Bus Services

- More buses to Christchurch, Rolleston, Lincoln, Darfield, and surrounding areas.
- More frequent services, especially during peak hours, weekends, and school times.
- Expansion of bus routes to serve new subdivisions and towns like Leeston, Dunsandel, and Tai Tapu.
- A circular bus route connecting key centres (e.g., Lincoln, Rolleston, Prebbleton, Halswell, and Hornby).
- Direct bus routes between major hubs, including Hornby and Christchurch.
- Additional bus stops in areas with growing populations.
- Restoration of previously cancelled bus services (e.g., Leeston, Southbridge, Selwyn Link bus).

Extracted from: SDC submission volume 1, p. 65

<file:///C:/Users/jverr/Downloads/20250505CouncilAgendaDraftAnnualPlanHearings5and6May2025.PDF>

The Environment Canterbury Council - Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 - **Deliberations** are 27 May 2025, 9:00am, @ Council Chamber, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch.

### D. Elections October 2025

Cr Gliddon announcing her candidacy for Mayor, changed the political landscape. I responded to feedback from the community and am honoured to be able to offer electors a choice by standing for the role of Councillor in the Tawera Malvern Ward. The rationale for the change is that this was an unforeseen opportunity and should I be successful will provide the opportunity to have a voice and vote at the Council table and continued involvement with the Malvern Community Board and build on the excellent work Cr Gliddon has undertaken in the Malvern Ward.

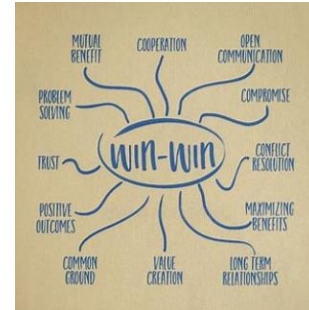


- E. The research being conducted by truwind | Research First on behalf of the Selwyn District Council, is timely. There would be value in SDC being collegial in the timely sharing the data collated by town – for the Malvern Ward - so the Board can engage with the Residents Associations and communities in

## Tirohaka Kouka o te Ora Quality of Life Survey

their co-operative approach using the information that has been paid for by ratepayers, to have discussions on what can be improved. This will cost the SDC no money, being an opportunity to work with the Board to improve Malvern as a place to work – live – play.

→ A win-win as we move forward 😊



- F. On behalf of the Board, a draft submission was prepared and circulated to Board members and Residents / Community Associations for their consideration and comment. The submission will be finalised and submitted to SDC by 5pm Friday 23 May 2025.

## Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review Consultation

- G. An update on the current situation in regard to the proposed cycle trail from **Arthur's Pass to the sea** would be appreciated, given SDC made the decision there would be no public consultation on this year's Annual Plan. The proposal is a major cost and benefit to the Malvern (soon to be Tawera Malvern) Ward. Decide and Inform!

I am grateful that **The Press** (May 17, 2025) does inform

– but not consult 😊

“Darfield’s population has risen from 2700 in 2014 to an estimated at 3500 now, an increase

of 30%. It is forecast to grow by about another third to more than 4600 residents in a decade...

[Watch out for the] resource consent for the first stage [soon to be lodged as the developer] hope[s] to start groundworks in the spring....

The new development site is bordered by Telegraph and Greendale roads on the southern side of the Canterbury town. It was rezoned by the Selwyn District Council for residential use in 2023...

With a capacity for more than 800 houses, the block could accommodate enough residents to boost the Canterbury town’s population by 50%...”

Source: [https://www.thepress.co.nz/nz-news/360687435/darfield-land-deal-big-boost-housing-supply?gaa\\_at=la&gaa\\_n=AerBZYOMBRu6iUEwrWjx7Z5yAxlbUEvKO\\_2y730aMiH9\\_BGxrUjq5RXEn90qF3IKFbc%3D&gaa\\_ts=68284962&utm\\_source=newsshowcase&utm\\_medium=discover&utm\\_campaign=CCwgGQgwKhAIACoHCAowwtPPCzDx7uYDMJH-wgMwnt-uBA&utm\\_content=bullets&gaa\\_sig=oEDNMNE\\_wHfk5npKUEma5Qfu1tSGaFNRR5j9sh-jlQdV0ys9yxNnXzZhez9mCZGR3AAjV9-vcMpa\\_uKrieOlw%3D%3D](https://www.thepress.co.nz/nz-news/360687435/darfield-land-deal-big-boost-housing-supply?gaa_at=la&gaa_n=AerBZYOMBRu6iUEwrWjx7Z5yAxlbUEvKO_2y730aMiH9_BGxrUjq5RXEn90qF3IKFbc%3D&gaa_ts=68284962&utm_source=newsshowcase&utm_medium=discover&utm_campaign=CCwgGQgwKhAIACoHCAowwtPPCzDx7uYDMJH-wgMwnt-uBA&utm_content=bullets&gaa_sig=oEDNMNE_wHfk5npKUEma5Qfu1tSGaFNRR5j9sh-jlQdV0ys9yxNnXzZhez9mCZGR3AAjV9-vcMpa_uKrieOlw%3D%3D)

## Darfield land deal big boost for housing supply



Liz McDonald | THE PRESS

### From RNZ:

I look forward to the Board exploring how we may be able to work with our community to bring about “enduring change that will survive changes of government” for the benefit of the people in our Ward.

Finance Minister Nicola Willis has unveiled a new \$190m Social Investment Fund designed to transform the way the social services are delivered to vulnerable New Zealanders.

It forms the centrepiece of a \$275m commitment over four years to the government's social investment approach, with more details expected in next week's Budget.

[https://www.1news.co.nz/2025/05/15/budget-2025-nicola-willis-announces-190m-social-investment-fund/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKXDihleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETfhTDQ3VUlqMIRRZ1Z3c0tFAR5tFtSr23KHlxuT-k4XCxEdBh0iv3qgCmqtlCJrREVZYzvV5HODoHEMKLbhvQ\\_aem\\_RWsxCFB7wLWCubhQPdhm1A](https://www.1news.co.nz/2025/05/15/budget-2025-nicola-willis-announces-190m-social-investment-fund/?fbclid=IwY2xjawKXDihleHRuA2FibQlxMQBicmlkETfhTDQ3VUlqMIRRZ1Z3c0tFAR5tFtSr23KHlxuT-k4XCxEdBh0iv3qgCmqtlCJrREVZYzvV5HODoHEMKLbhvQ_aem_RWsxCFB7wLWCubhQPdhm1A)

## ATTENDANCES THIS YEAR:

### May

Various discussions and meetings with constituents and potential candidates

12: (Zoom) MCB and SDC Finance meeting

14: Greendale Residents Association – Committee meeting



Community Board Member  
Deputy Chair | Malvern Community Board





## COMMUNITY BOARD REPORT

**TO:** Malvern Community Board  
**FOR:** Community Board Meeting  
**FROM:** Councillor Lydia Gliddon  
**DATE:** May 2025  
**SUBJECT:** **BOARD REPORT – May 2025**

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### RECOMMENDATION

*'That the monthly report from the Board member be received, for information.'*

### State Highway Speeds

Please see attached maps – happy to take feedback on these from board members, and I will be sending on to resident associations.

Here is a list of actions our community believes would remedy safety issues

- Kirwee - Reduction of the 70km/hr speed limit to 50km/hr and safety improvements to SHW73 Courtney Road intersection
- Darfield - Pedestrian crossing Ross Street and SHW73 and extension of the 50km/hr limit on the west side of Darfield.
- Waddington – Safety improvements to SH 73 & Inland Scenic 72
- Sheffield – Reduction of the 70km/hr speed limit to 50km/hr and an extension
- Springfield - 50km/hr speed limit extension on the east side of town
- Arthurs Pass – Extension of the 30km/hr speed limit on the west side of town

### Coming up

- Council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Climate Change & Sustainability 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Council meeting 18<sup>th</sup> June



Cr Lydia Gliddon

## Arthurs Pass





## Darfield



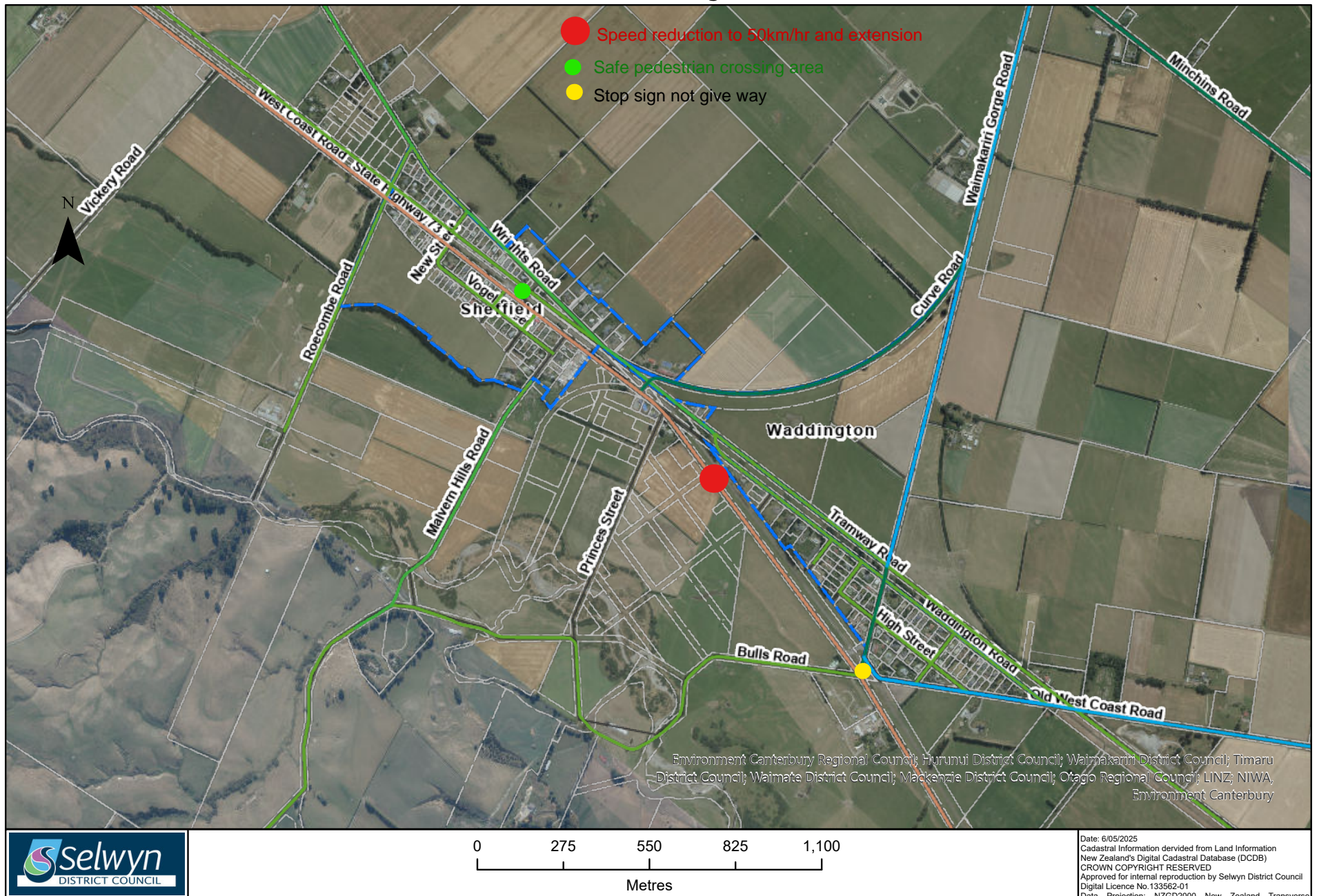


# Kirwee





## Sheffield Waddington





## Springfield

